

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Let's Hear From  
Government

Mr Lawrence Kadoorie and the Hon John Keawlok, with their contrasting points of view, have succeeded in reawakening to some degree public interest in the pros and cons of a harbour tunnel. The protagonists appear to be pretty equally divided and no substantial balance of popular opinion, either for or against, is yet visible.

One thing can be stated with certainty: the community will shrink from any proposal that the building of a tunnel be financed by means of increased taxation, no matter how attractive, desirable or even necessary such a project.

Opponents of the scheme have in the main directed their warnings and criticisms against the heavy capital cost, arguing also that the ultimate benefits to the public will not be commensurate. This view is not easy to assimilate. Any major improvement in communications must be a valuable asset to the Colony; and a harbour tunnel comes within this category.

BOILED down to essentials the question of a tunnel revolves around two considerations: Is it a necessity? Can the Colony afford it? It is not, of this moment, a necessity, but it might fairly be regarded as such in the future. In these days a community demands and expects all possible facilities for mobility and rapid transportation, and because the Colony is going to become more and more urbanised, those demands will become more urgent.

A tunnel would not merely mean linking the city of Victoria with Tsingtau, but would directly connect the island with all parts of Kowloon and the New Territories. To this extent it would revolutionise the Colony's transport system and increase very considerably the mobility of the whole community.

The practical aspects of a harbour tunnel can hardly be disputed, and the real bone of contention is whether the Colony can financially afford the project. Here disputation becomes more pronounced, and some sort of opinion from Government would be helpful. In fact an expression of Government's attitude to the scheme generally would not come amiss. To date officialdom has kept very quiet, contenting itself with laying before the public, without comment, the experts' report on how a tunnel could be constructed under the harbour.

WE believe Government should now express itself on the scheme, more particularly its financial aspect. A tunnel is not the only major development project under consideration, and because of this the question of priority becomes important.

Still awaiting a further official report is the proposal to construct reservoirs on Lan-ao and the piping of water supplies from them to Hongkong Island. This is a scheme, we suggest, which far outweighs in importance to the community a harbour tunnel.

Water being our most needed commodity, any undertaking which promises to help provide fully for those needs must be given preference. And as the Lan-ao scheme must be costly, it is hardly conceivable the Exchequer could simultaneously finance it and the construction of a harbour tunnel.

The public would appreciate and welcome an official statement concerning Government's views.

# "Communism The Liberator? Then Where Is Freedom?" EDEN REBUKES SOVIET CHIEFS

Reply To Statements In Burma And India

## TORY AND LABOUR MPs CHEER PM's CRITICISM

London, Dec. 12.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, tonight described as "fantastic" statements made by the Soviet leaders now visiting India.

Winding up a debate in the House of Commons on the Middle East he referred to speeches made by Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev during their Indian tour, and said: "We are told we are the wicked colonialists in Asia and that communism is the liberator."

"Is that really true anywhere on this earth today?" asked Sir Anthony amid cheers from both sides of the house.

"Has it really been true at any time since the war? Where is there freedom now at this moment? In Hungary or in Czechoslovakia or in Poland or in Rumania or in Bulgaria or in the capital of Outer Mongolia?"

Mr Emrys Hughes, Labour left-winger interjected at this point: "Take Cyprus."

Sir Anthony Eden retorted: "There is at least freedom to argue and fight in Cyprus."

There were cheers from the Government side at this.

Sir Anthony Eden said a representative of a Middle Eastern country at the Bandung conference who was not a friend of what used to be called colonialism had said "at least we could fight against it, struggle against it, make ourselves heard against it. Under communism we could not make ourselves heard at all."

### WHAT ABOUT THE COLOMBO PLAN?

He went on: "We have been told we have been sitting on the necks of the Burmese and rebelling them of their last crust of bread."

"What a fantastic statement that is," he said and continued: "We and Labour cheer."

"Perhaps its author never heard of the Colombo Plan under which \$450 million have been spent by the Commonwealth countries since 1951 in helping to create more prosperous conditions in these very countries. The United States had spent very much more."

"The Russian leaders are still India's guests and I have no wish to embarrass them, but I must say this: I am all the more remarkable that these speeches are made in countries with which we have the friendliest relations and whose independence Britain has promoted and will always respect."

Sir Anthony Eden said a representative of another Middle Eastern country had said communism was a new type of colonialism.

## EVATT—IN OR OUT?

His Lead Dwindles

Melbourne, Dec. 12. Dr Herbert Evatt—who has already lost his chance in the current Australian general elections of returning to Parliament at the head of a victorious Labour Party—today saw his chances of returning at all being slowly whittled away.

Meanwhile, Mr Robert Menzies' Government coalition of Country Party (Conservative) and Liberals continued to pile up an increasing majority.

Dr Evatt's majority in the Sydney suburb of Barton slipped 410 votes today to 1,045, with only a few thousand votes left to be counted.

At present, he has 19,630 votes compared with the 18,591 of his Liberal opponent and the 1,535 cast for an Independent candidate.

SECOND CHOICES  
If Dr Evatt fails to get an absolute majority, he will have to rely for election on the second choices registered by those who voted for the Independent.  
If Dr Evatt secures enough votes to retain his seat he would return to a House of Representatives (lower house) in which the Government will probably have a majority of more than 50 seats compared with only 15 before the elections. There are 124 seats, two without voting rights.—Reuter.

"It is true that fundamentally Communist policy aims at world domination. How then can there be real co-existence between Russia and ourselves since we will never accept communism or they the parliamentary system we believe in?"

"We have always been willing to try and work this problem out and we are still willing to do it now."

### CO-EXISTENCE MUST BE TWO-WAY

"But co-existence, if it is to succeed, has to be a two-way traffic, and equal tolerance and equal understanding have got to be shown by the countries on either side."

"While I am ready at all times for discussion, abuse of our friends only strengthens our loyalty and abuse of ourselves only strengthens our determination and the world ought to have learnt that by now."

Sir Anthony Eden said: "It would be a mistake for any country to try to found a foreign policy on the belief that the free world needs to crave co-existence."

On the Arab-Israeli dispute the Prime Minister said: "I believe a settlement is essential and the need for a settlement more urgent than ever in the interests of both parties."

### SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE

Referring to a speech at the London Lord Mayor's banquet last month in which he urged a compromise with concessions by both Israel and the Arab states, Sir Anthony Eden said: "What

I was trying to do was to make both sides of this dispute realise they could not go on as they are at this very hour with the danger of war increasing and that they must turn their minds to peace."

"I do not regret one word of what I said or draw back from the motives I had in mind."

"We believe the possibility of settlement does exist. We and the United States are in agreement on this and on the urgency with which the effort must be made."

The Prime Minister reaffirmed the government's adherence to the tripartite agreement with the US and France and said Britain was ready to carry out jointly with her allies any action necessary to "assist Israel if she were attacked or assisted by an Arab country if attacked by Israel."

### NOT AT MILITARY DISADVANTAGE

He later added: "I think I should say this—perhaps it is unwise but I think I should say that Israel is not, in my belief, at a military disadvantage to any state or indeed to any Arab combination of Arab states who are on her frontier."

"I think that is about a true assessment of the situation."

The Prime Minister said the position for both parties in the Arab-Israeli dispute was one of the "utmost danger."

If attempts were not made to get negotiations going and get their minds on to the thought of the possibility of peace "then the whole of that area can at any time flare up into a blaze the consequences of which none of us can foresee."—Reuter.

## BEN GURION PROPOSES CHRISTMAS DAY PEACE TALKS WITH NASSER

New York, Dec. 12. The World-Telegram and the Sun today printed an interview with the Israeli Premier, Mr David Ben-Gurion in which he suggested that he and Egyptian Premier Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser meet on Christmas Day to discuss peace between their countries. The story, written by staff correspondent William Longood under a Jerusalem dateline, said, in part:

"Premier Ben-Gurion suggested they meet at Kilometer 95, where the United Nations mixed armistice commission meets, halfway between the Egyptian and Israeli lines, or in Geneva."

### SEVEN POINTS

"The Premier said: the time, place and date were suggestions and he would abide by Col. Nasser's preference."

Longood said Ben-Gurion also made the following points:

★ Unless a peace settlement comes, he believes Egypt

may attack Israel within five or six months.

★ Israel won't make war unless attacked.

★ Israel will continue to meet force with force.

★ Col. Nasser is the only Arab leader with enough strength to make peace with Israel.

★ Israel still expects to get arms from the West and believes that would insure peace in the Middle East.

★ External pressure has nothing to do with Israel's decision not to start a so-called preventive war.

★ Israel doesn't seek "an inch more territory, nor will it give up an inch of its own territory."

Longood said Ben-Gurion proposed the direct peace talks after he was told of the writer's recent interview with Col. Nasser in which the latter said he thought the United Nations would be the proper negotiator between the two countries.

"At the proposed meeting, I think a great deal of the mis-

## ..So The Queen Bought A Toy Helicopter

London, Dec. 13. Prince Charles, who longs for journeys into outer space, will find a model jet-propelled helicopter under the Christmas tree this year.

The Queen chose the toy for her son last week when she began her Christmas shopping in a plush Knightsbridge department store.

Seven-year-old Charles, a great fan of spacecraft, Dan Dare, has become a fond of planes and rockets as his flying father, the Duke of Edinburgh. Last month, his birthday cake was topped with a jet-model "Flying Wing" fighter plane.

The helicopter has twin jet cartridges on the tips of the rotor. It can rise 100 feet off the ground. It cost \$2/6.

### —AND SOLDIERS

The Queen admired—but did not buy—a large space-suit, also jet propelled. She decided it was too big for Charles who will have to make do with his imagination and the space-suit he got for his birthday.

The Queen then inspected the miniature toy soldiers. She bought a set of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery. With it went two cannons.

With the queen's Christmas party at Sandringham (the Queen's country home in Norfolk) in mind, she bought a new board game called "Scorp." Mr. Bevan once considered a powerful contender for control of the party, has lost ground through his feuds with the official leadership and has been held by some to be partly to blame for Labour's election defeat. He was thus reckoned to have little chance.

Mr. Morrison is the party's heartache. Even his greatest admirers admit that his age is a

## Rita Gets Divorce

Reno, Dec. 12. Screen star Rita Hayworth was today granted a divorce decree "in absconditio" from her fourth husband, singer Dick Haymes.—United Press.

## WHO WILL IT BE? Gaitskell Or Morrison Labour MPs Send In Their Votes

London, Dec. 12.

Balloting began today for the vacant leadership of the British Labour party with most Socialists tonight convinced the prize and with it the chance of future Premiership will go to Mr Hugh Gaitskell, 49, right-wing intellectual.

With the result due to be announced on Wednesday few politicians can see either of the rival candidates—Mr Herbert Morrison, 67, deputy Party chief and Mr Aneurin Bevan, 58, strident left-winger—overtaking Mr Gaitskell.

But because the ballot confined to Labour Members of Parliament is completely secret champions of each of the three contenders have no positive proof they are right in assuming that Mr Gaitskell is leading

considerable argument against giving him control, which most Socialists agree he had well earned by long and energetic service.

Left-wingers anxious to see Mr Bevan come out on top but with little hope he will do so, joined other sections of the party tonight in forecasts that Mr Gaitskell may emerge with at least 140 votes—that is with a majority over the combined totals of his two rivals. This would make him leader.

None was prepared to say with confidence whether Mr Morrison or Mr Bevan would run second.

### STRAIGHT FIGHT

If Mr Gaitskell is first but without a majority over his two rivals' combined poll, a second secret ballot will be held. The candidate with fewest votes in the first ballot will then be dropped, leaving a straight fight between the other two.

Some Parliamentarians believe Mr Morrison will give the best account of himself in a second ballot is forced.

They say that if Mr Bevan is at the bottom of the poll in the original contest, his supporters will switch to Mr Morrison in the second ballot.

By then Labour sentimentally swayed may also swing a few of Mr Gaitskell's supporters over to the veteran Socialist, they also argue.—Reuter.

### Searching of Cyprus Monasteries

## MAKARIOS ATTACKS 'BARBAROUS ACTION'

Nicosia, Dec. 12.

Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot campaign for union with Greece, today described a recent search of monasteries by British troops as a "barbarous action" which "constitutes shame on the British government."

He said "the sanctity of holy places was violated with a total lack of respect."

[After the raids on the monasteries an official British announcement said "the searches were carried out with due regard to religious susceptibilities and a priest was present in every case before the searches began."

Eight arrests were made and some weapons and a small quantity of explosives were found during the sweep.]

### ABSOLUTELY FUTILE

In a brief reference to the present political situation, Archbishop Makarios said "if Britain knew Greek history well, she would understand that it is absolutely futile to try to eternally colonial rule on the island."

"Only recently has Britain started to face facts and talks were heard in the House of Commons about a just and honourable solution for the Cyprus question."

"But Britain obviously has a different understanding from ours as to what is just and honourable. The only just and honourable solution is self-determination of the Cypriot people. Mere recognition of the Cypriots' theoretical right to

self-determination is no solution," he said.—Reuter.

### CASUALTY LIST

Jerusalem, Dec. 12. The United Nations Truce Headquarters tonight issued a communiqué placing the "provisional" incomplete Syrian casualty list in last night's Israeli attack on Tiberias Lake outposts at 41 killed, including one civilian and two officers, six wounded and four missing, including one officer.—United Press.

## New US Pleas To Taipei

New York, Dec. 12. The United States is still trying to persuade the Nationalists to refrain from voting the admission of Outer Mongolia to the United Nations, a spokesman for the American United Nations delegation said today.

"But I do not see any change in their position or signs of change," he told reporters.—Reuter.

## Dry Christmas For Durham

Durham, Dec. 12. Half a million people in County Durham are gloomily contemplating a "black Christmas" this year because of the worst water shortage in the area for 30 years.

Most people in Durham expect to enjoy only the bath during the Christmas holiday period, under a severe rationing scheme which would only permit a "dry" Christmas.

## Planes To Have "Cat's Eyes"

Baltimore, Dec. 12. The US Air Force announced today it now had a "cat's eye" or "optical amplifier" which made it possible to see clearly in the dark.

This electronic device, a thousand times more sensitive than a television camera, will permit night observers to see enemy aircraft clearly in the dark.—United Press.

### Leaps Into Volcano

Tokyo, Dec. 12. Oshima Island's once notorious "Suicide Volcano" claimed its first victim in 11 months, and second victim of the year.

An "idiot" youth, named Iwano, the son of a local official, leapt into the smoking crater of Mt. Oshima, the island's volcano, and died.—United Press.

### DEMONSTRATIONS—THEN MASS ROUND-UP

## 371 Reds Arrested In Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 12. West Berlin police tonight detained 371 Communists after a demonstration in the French sector of the city was broken up by baton charges and water hoses.

Two policemen were injured in the clashes with an estimated 1,400 Communists who had entered the sector to protest against a meeting they claimed was being held by the right-wing Stahlhelm (steel helmet) veterans organisation.

They came from railway and underground stations to demonstration outside a restaurant in which they thought the Stahlhelm were meeting. But the meeting had been cancelled because of week-long East Berlin calls through radio and the press for workers to "protest against the fascists."

Most of those detained were youths from Communist-controlled East Berlin.

### TRIAL OF STRENGTH

Policemen described the incident as "the biggest Communist trial of strength" since the threats by Herr Friedrich Ebert, Communist Lord Mayor of East Berlin, earlier this month to "create democratic conditions in all parts of the city" and "to chase the militarists out of West Berlin."

Herr Ebert's statement followed a declaration by General P. A. Dabrowski, Soviet commander in Berlin that East Berlin was no longer occupied but considered the capital of a "sovereign" East Germany.

Alarmed by the continued calls from East Berlin, West Berlin police had put a tight cordon around the restaurant and stationed about 200 men, including special anti-riot squads, in the adjacent streets near the Soviet sector boundary. A still larger number of police stood by.—Reuter.

## 'Agreements Reached'

London, Dec. 12. Singapore's Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall, tonight reached some tentative agreements with Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd after his first meeting.

He announced this after a 90-minute discussion with the Colonial Secretary—the first of a series of consultations he will have with Mr Lennox-Boyd this week, designed to examine Mr Marshall's request for internal self-government for the colony by 1957.—Reuter.

**Xmas Cards**  
OF HONG KONG SCENERY



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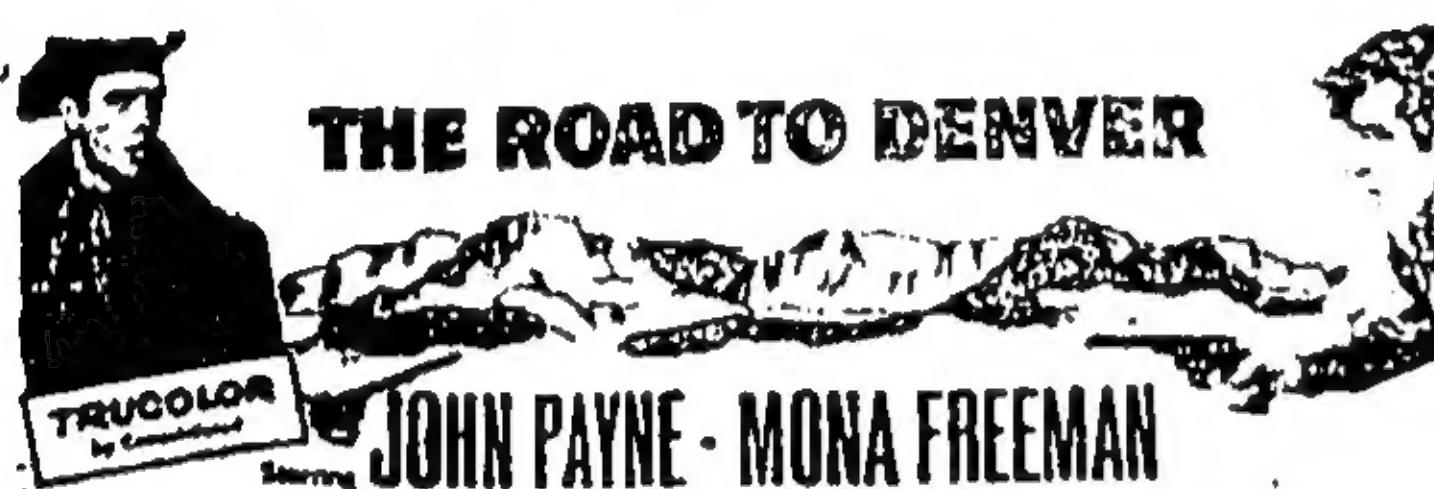
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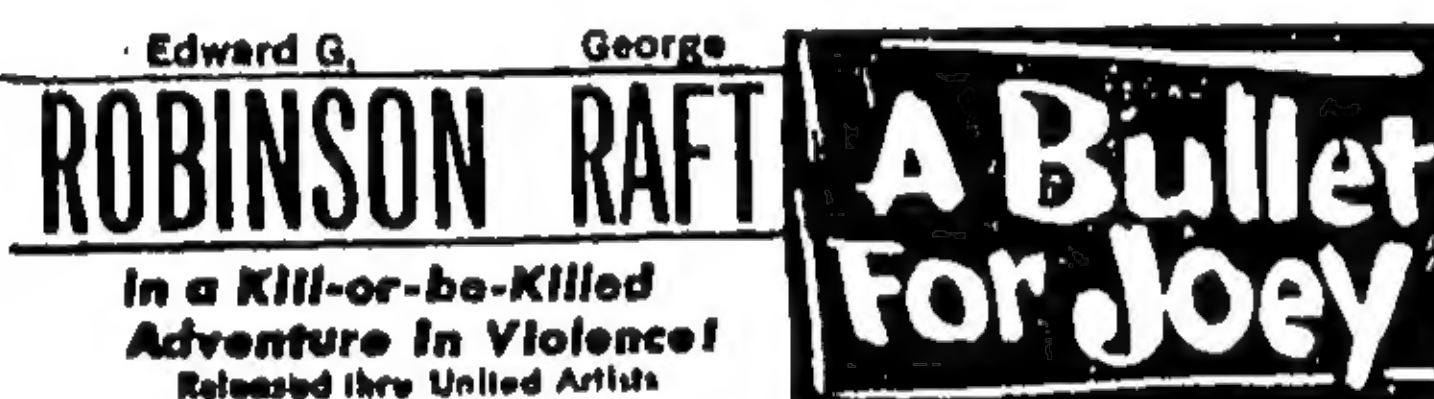
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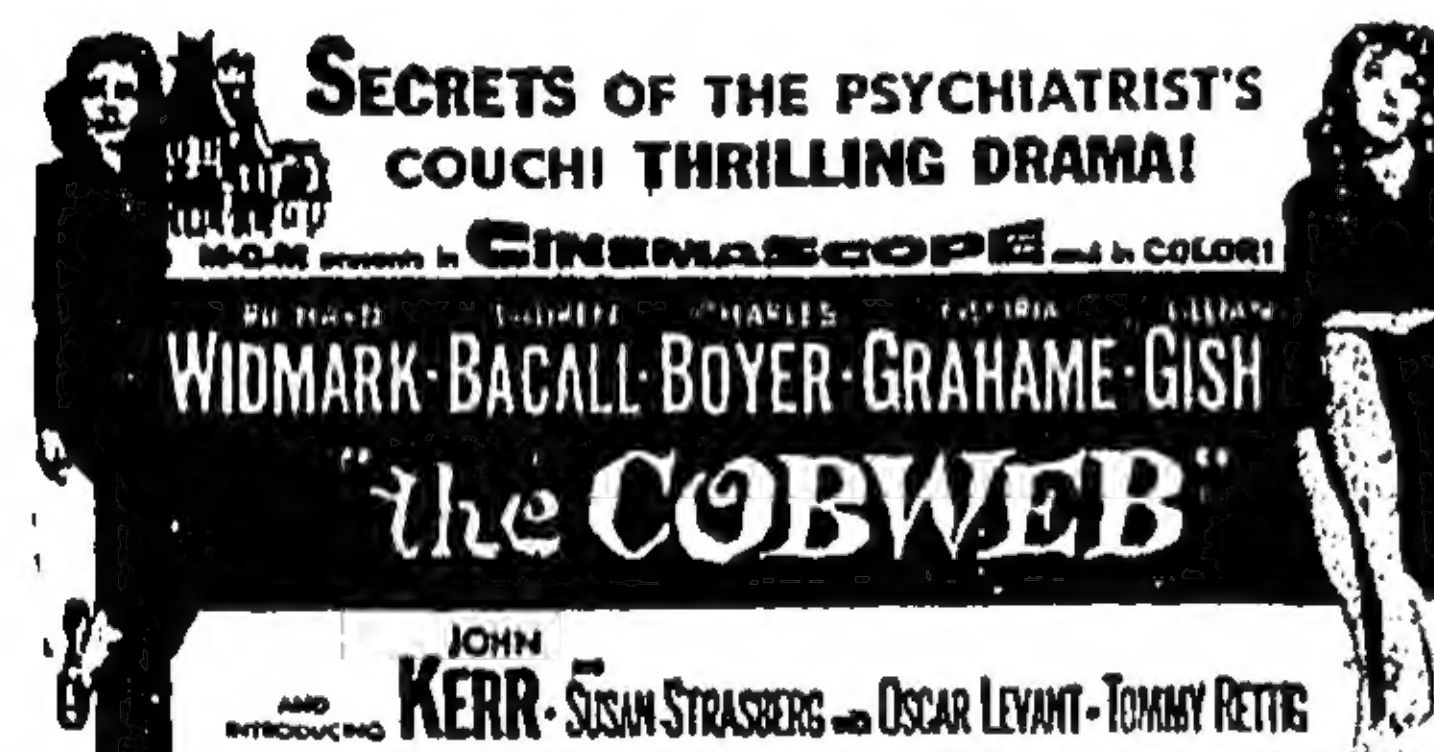
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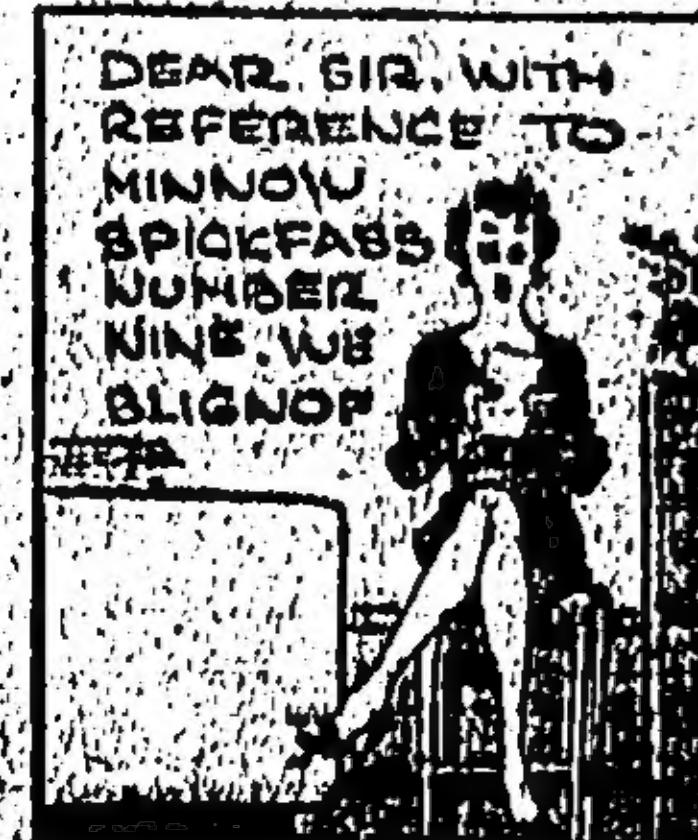
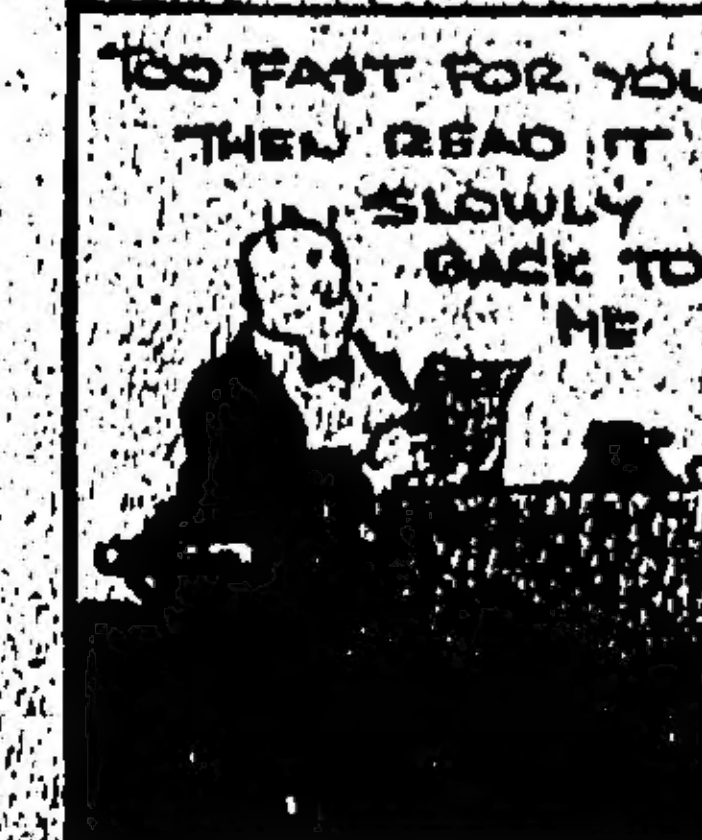
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# Doctors' Reports On Ike Start Presidential Speculation

Washington, Dec. 12.

Doctors' reports that President Eisenhower should ease his work load touched off new Republican speculation today as to whether the President will seek re-election. Republican Party viewpoints about Mr. Eisenhower's political plans seem to be running roughly along the lines that divided the party in 1952. Most of the recent private and public forecasts that the President will run again have come from men who have been regarded as all-out supporters of Mr. Eisenhower.

With no obvious explanation, disbelievers appear to be running in much greater proportion among Republican politicians not loosely tied to the Eisenhower wing of the party.

President Eisenhower's doctors said on Saturday he is making a basically good recovery from his September 24 heart attack. However, they said, he is showing some signs of fatigue from his increased activities and recommended he should ease up for the next few weeks.

thinks President Eisenhower will seek re-election "because America and the whole world need him to be President of the United States."

★ 2. Republican national chairman Leonard W. Hall reiterated his belief the President will run again, and said there was no need for him to make his intentions known before early March. — United Press.

**Wishful Thinking**

For more than a month there has been a steady upswing in expressed hopes or beliefs that Mr. Eisenhower will run again. Evidence supporting these views, if it exists, has not been disclosed.

Some Republicans admit wishful thinking may be a factor; others say the President is facing an unfinished job as a world leader, and still others concede they just have a "feeling in the bones" that he will run again.

Those who remain unconvinced are expressing their opinion only in private. Some are suspicious of a plot among White House lieutenants, encouraging hopes of a second Eisenhower candidacy to discourage moves by other possible candidates.

## US To Maintain Antarctic Winter Base

Port Lyttelton, Dec. 12.

Rear-Adm. Richard E. Byrd, en route today to the South Pole, said the bases to be established by Operation Deep Freeze are the prelude to limited human habitation of the Antarctic continent.

It was the explorer's fifth venture to the bottom of the world.

Adm. Byrd left here on Saturday with the first part of Task Force 43 of US Operation Deep Freeze, to establish six observation stations near the South Pole.

The scientific undertaking has the twofold purpose of implementing the US programme for the International Geophysical Year and also will carry forward the work of exploration and mapping started by earlier expeditions.

**First Attempt**

Adm. Byrd said it would be the first attempt to establish a station at the South Pole and maintain it throughout the winter. It will be the first time man has set foot on the Pole since the 1911-1912 Amundsen and Scott expeditions.

On the eve of his departure, Adm. Byrd told the people of New Zealand of "moral rearmament," a force that can unite men of all creeds, colours and races to answer the divisive forces of materialism.

He said that since his first contact with the Oxford Group in 1939 he has watched the progress of moral rearmament "with great satisfaction."

London, Dec. 12.

Solar energy provides the power to heat the water used in one of the buildings at a farm exhibition at Kirgiz, East Russia, Moscow Radio reported.

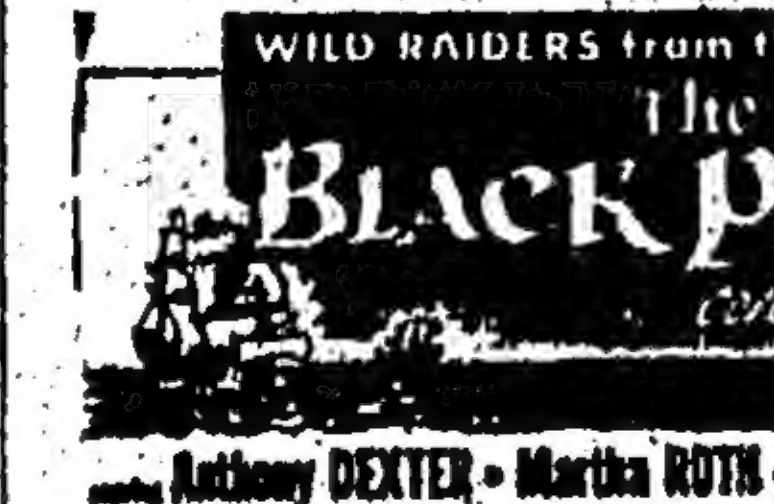
Local scientists are working on other methods of using solar energy. — China Mail Special.

**Other Action**

In other political action: ★ 1. Postmaster-General Arthur E. Summerfield said he

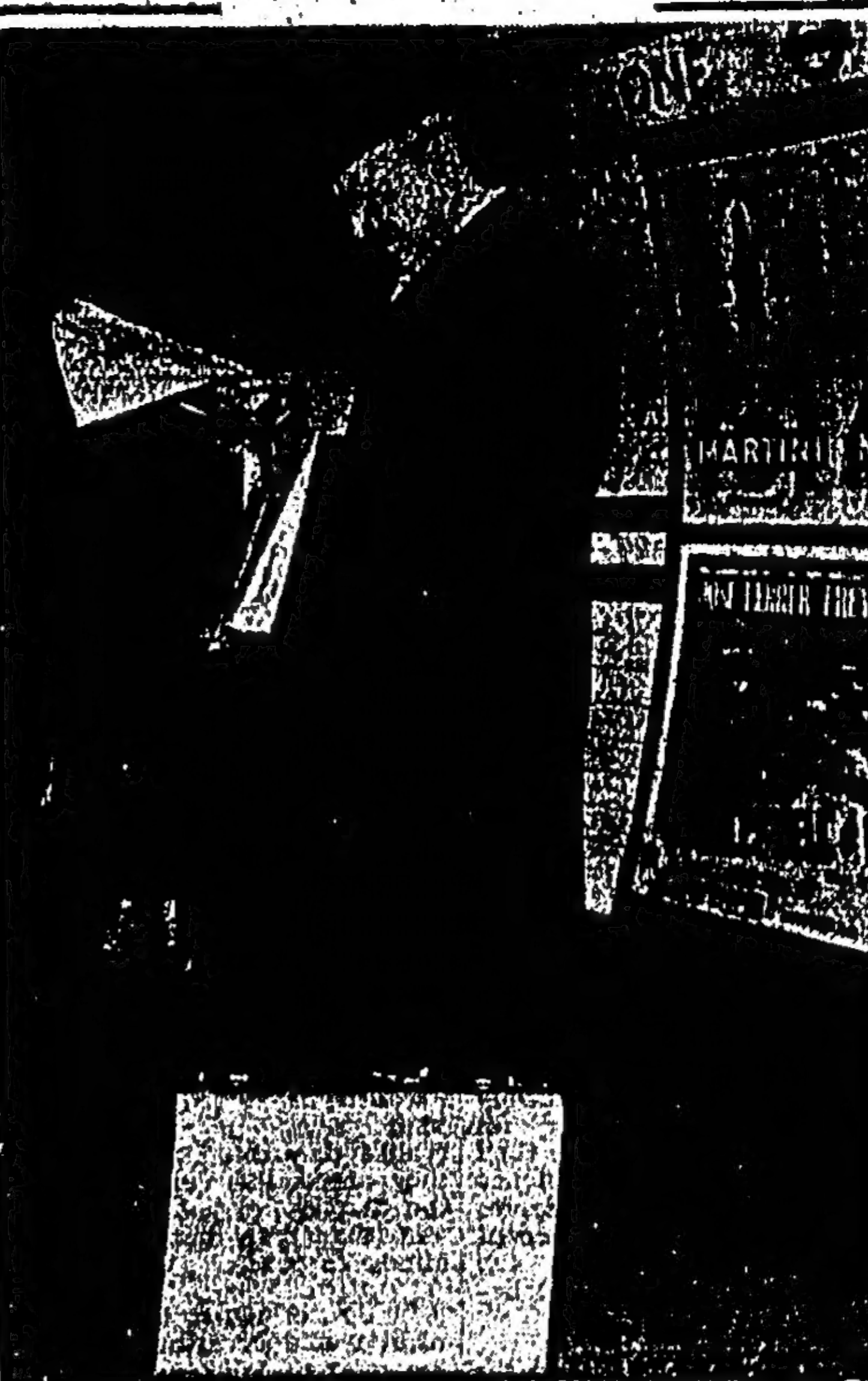
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WILD RAIDERS from the TROPIC SEAS



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**Last Journey As Leader**

Standing on the platform of a subway station on his way to hand in his resignation last Wednesday as leader of Britain's Labour (Socialist) Party, a post he held for 20 years, is Mr. Clement Attlee. His future Parliamentary activities will be in the House of Lords — the Queen has offered him an earldom, which he has accepted. Meanwhile, a fight looms for the post of new Labour leader. Most likely to be elected is brilliant, young (49) Hugh Gaitskell, former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer. Deputy Party Leader Herbert Morrison, 67, is a strong contender, however, and a few observers are putting their money on Aneurin Bevan, fiery party rebel. — Express Photo.

## Mormon's Appeal Turned Down

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Supreme Court refused today to interfere with a Utah Court ruling that parents who teach that polygamy is "God's law" are unfit to rear children.

In a brief order, the High Court rejected an appeal brought by eight children of Mr and Mrs Leonard Black, members of an excommunicated Mormon sect of Short Creek, Utah.

The Juvenile Court of Jackson County, Utah, held that the Black home was an immoral environment for children. It awarded custody of the children, ranging in age from 10 to 4, to the State Department of Public Welfare. The State Supreme Court upheld the finding last May.

**250 Arrested**

The Blacks are members of a small religious sect that practiced polygamy as part of their faith. The isolated community of Short Creek, which straddles the Utah-Arizona border, was the scene of a large-scale police raid in 1953.

About one-half of the town's population of some 250 were arrested by the Arizona authorities. The men, including Black, who were married to more than one wife, were prosecuted.

The Short Creek polygamists consider themselves "true Mormons" although they have been excommunicated from the Church of Latter Day Saints for practicing plural marriages, which the main body of the Church has banned for more than half a century.

The Short Creek sect claims to be following the original doctrines of the Mormon faith as found in the "Book of Mormon" handed down by the Church's founder, Joseph Smith.

**Right To Teach**

Black and three families and sheltered 20 children. He argued in appealing to the Supreme Court that the State's taking his

## Political Debate On Record

Paris, Dec. 12.

France's electoral campaign today invaded the phonograph record industry, with the recording—probably for the first time in history—of a political debate, for sale to the public.

The debate was recorded on a long-playing record with politicians from the extreme left to the extreme right, taking part.

Among those on the record were Socialist Guy Mollet, Communist Jacques Duclos, left centre UDR Party figure Francois Mitterrand, Independent Paul Reynaud and MRP (Popular Republican Movement) leader Maurice Schumann.

The record is called "Balance Sheet, 1955 and Prospects for 1956" and will be on sale on Wednesday morning—less than 48 hours after its recording—France-Press.

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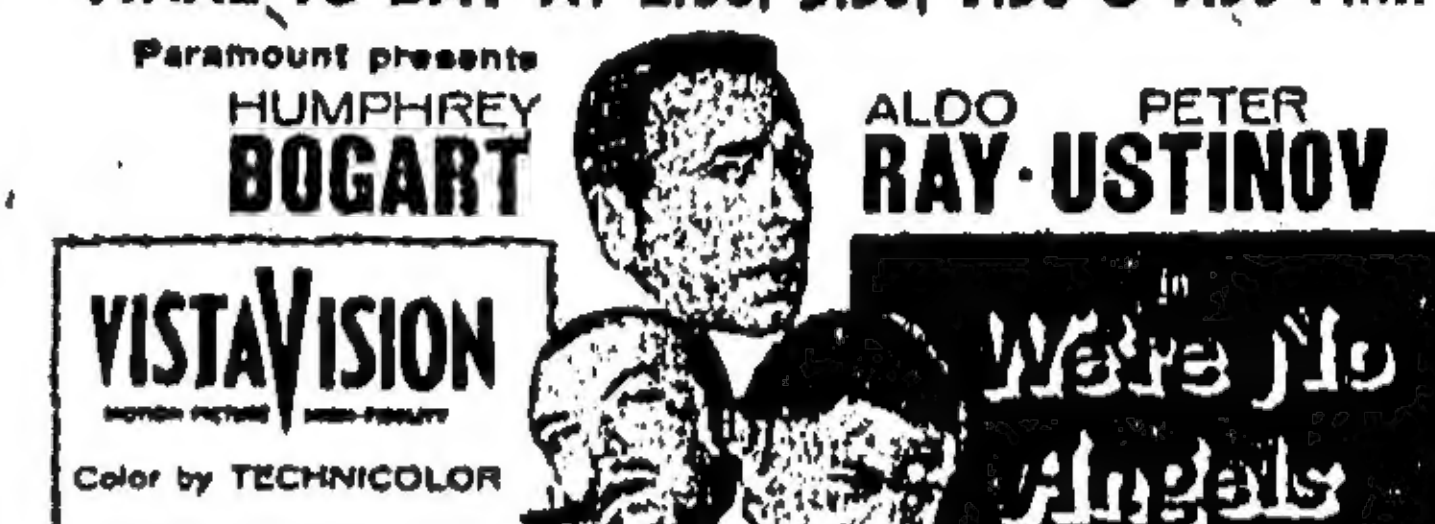
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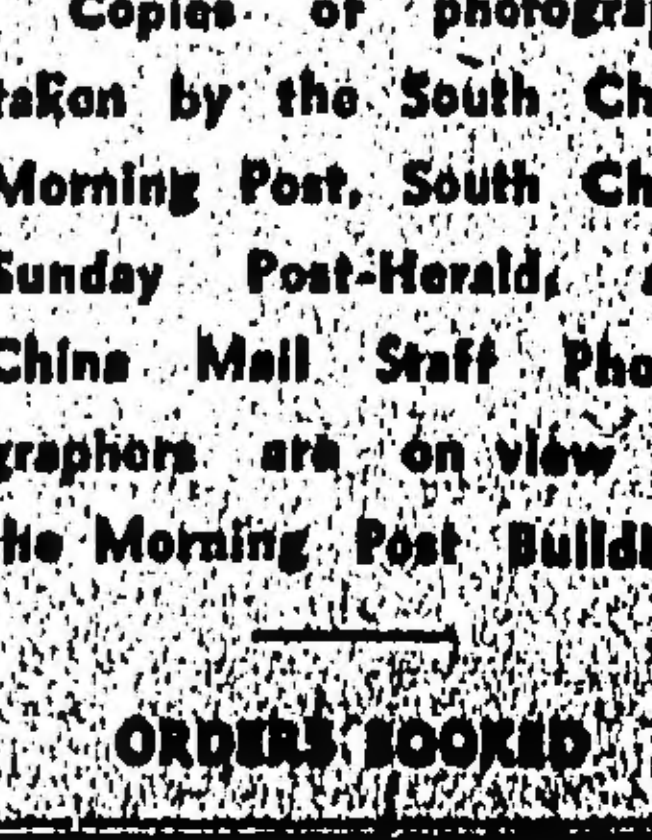
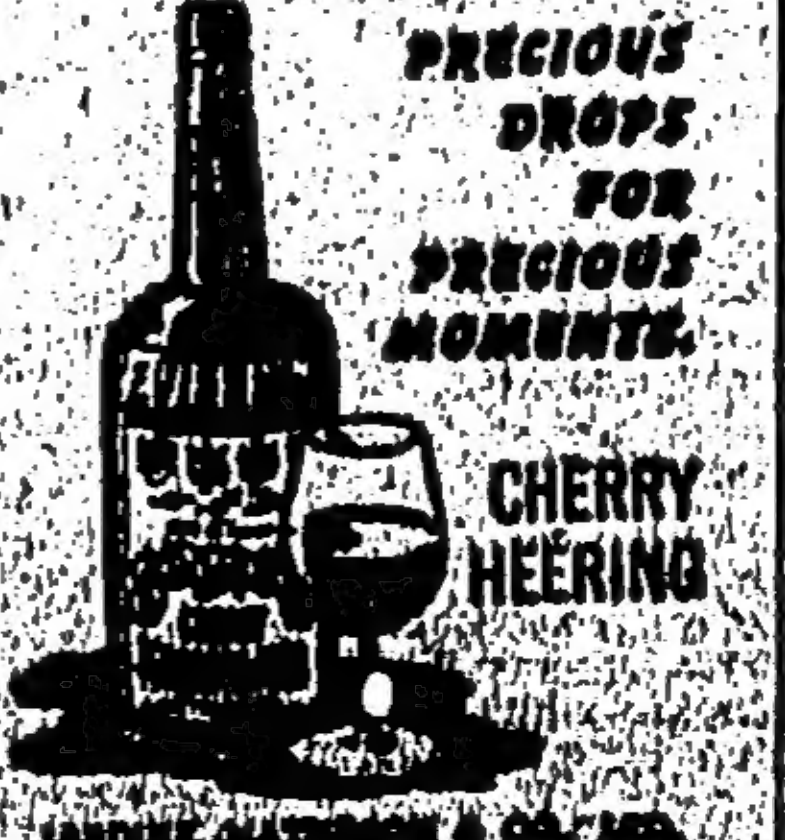
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**Foreign correspondent**



# Portugal Would Defend Goa

## DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN INDIAN ENCLAVE

Ottawa, Dec. 12.

Dr Paulo Cunha, Foreign Minister of Portugal, said today his country would defend Goa if it was attacked by India.

He said that Portugal alone could not possibly win a war with India over possession of Goa.

"I do not believe that India will attempt to take Goa by force, he said.

## Contract For Part Of Satellite

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Navy today awarded a contract for construction of part of the huge rocket that will hurl an earth-orbiting satellite into outer space.

The contract went to Aerojet General Corp., of Azusa, California, which specializes in rocket engine research and production.

It will design and build a liquid rocket motor for the second stage of the three-stage rocket vehicle which will blast the satellite about 200 miles above the earth's surface during the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year.

**First Stage**

The first stage of the rocket will be built by Glenn L. Martin Co., of Baltimore, Maryland, which was previously awarded the prime contract for the launching vehicle.

The contract for the third stage of the launching vehicle, which will contain the small satellite itself, has not yet been awarded.

The Navy announcement disclosed that the first-stage rocket, which will blast the satellite off the earth's surface, will be a modified and improved Viking rocket, built by Martin.

The Viking holds the world's altitude record for a single-stage rocket of 150 miles, set in May, 1954.

**More Efficient**

The major improvement for the Viking launching rocket, the Navy said, will be a more efficient rocket motor now being developed by the General Electric Co.

The first earth satellite is due to be launched sometime in 1957-58 as part of US participation in the International Geophysical Year. US scientists hope eventually to shoot about 10 of the satellites into outer space during this period. — United Press.

"This would be wrong and unjust and would be contrary to India's role as a peaceful state and champion of international law."

But if India attacked, "Portugal would defend Goa by force with all her power," he said.

**"Die With Honour"**

"We know very well that we would be smashed in such a war. But we would defend Goa and die there with honour," he said.

Dr Cunha said Goa would be defended because it was a province of Portugal and not a colony as claimed by India and the Russian Communists.

"We have a moral reason for being there," he said. "Goa is a part of Portugal and our main reason for wanting to stay there is not economic profit. At present Portugal is spending something like one million dollars a year in Goa and receiving nothing in return through taxes."

Dr Cunha said the people of Portugal would be grief-stricken if Western nations refused to help Portuguese forces prevent an Indian invasion.

**Settle Differences**

"The loss of Goa to Portugal would be the loss of a free country to the Western world," he said.

There were no problems between India and Goa which could not be solved. Portugal was ready at any time to open negotiations with India to settle differences.

Present problems were being used by the Communists to stir up hatred between the people of India and Goa. The campaign was part of the Communist attempt to divide the Western world from Asia.

Dr Cunha also said there was danger that India would seek to expand in Africa. Any loss of territory in Africa by the Western world would be serious because the continent was one of the world's major sources of raw material resources.

He described Africa as the most vulnerable link in the Western world. — Reuters.

## Ingrid Bergman In New Renoir Film



News that director Jean Renoir is working on a film is always good news for lovers of the cinema. His current one, being shot at a studio in Paris, is based on the life of General Boulanger and stars Swedish-born actress Ingrid Bergman. Also in the cast are Mel Ferrer and Jean Marais. M. Renoir is shown here, left, with Miss Bergman and composer Joseph Kosma. — Express Photo.

## CHILD PRODIGY CONTROVERSY

### Did Blind Girl Write Poems And Letters?

Paris, Dec. 12.

The controversy in France over a supposed child prodigy, eight-year-old Minou Drouot, whose poems and letters were published for the first time this year, boiled up again today with the publication of new "evidence" purporting to cast doubt on the girl's works.

**1948 Letter**

The evening newspaper, France Soir, revealed a letter written in 1948 by Mme Claude Drouot, foster mother of the little poetess, to a Paris publisher, in which she proposed a manuscript of "Poems By A Little Blind Girl."

In 1948, Mme Drouot did not yet know of the existence of

little Minou, the newspaper said. Minou was adopted a year later. She was at the time only one year old and living in a Paris orphanage.

The newspaper asked, "One can pose the question—Was Mme Claude Drouot a specialist in child prodigies?"

The controversy arose following the publication of a limited edition of 500 copies of poems and letters attributed to the little girl by a well-known publisher, Rene Julliard.

A Paris women's magazine sent its reporters to interview the girl and reported that the poems impressed them as having been possibly written by Mme Drouot rather than her adopted daughter.

Two handwriting experts came to the same conclusion, but a third contradicted this finding and supported the theory that the child had

written the poems and letters herself.

Later, little Minou was separated from her foster mother for six days and lived with publisher Julliard, where she produced more poems.

**Photostatic Copy**

Today's developments were accompanied by a photostatic copy of the 1948 letter written by Mme Drouot to a Paris publisher, offering poems written "by a little blind girl who reveals within them the marvellous world which she created with her heart." Minou Drouot was blind for several years.

The publisher in 1948 rejected the poems as lacking in interest and of doubtful authenticity. — France-Press.

## MIDWIFE BATTLES THROUGH SNOW

### But Baby Born

Cardiff, Dec. 12.

A 63-year-old midwife on board a fire engine battled through blinding snow to a patient in the Welsh Hills last night.

Twice the fire engine was dug out of snow drifts. Finally, it got through to a remote cottage in the village of Cym Bargoed, 1,243 feet up and 16 miles north of Cardiff.

But when Nurse Anna Davies hurried inside, 40-year-old Betty Harris had her baby, a girl.

A neighbour had helped deliver it.

**Three Attempts**

Nurse Davies had made three attempts to reach the village by ambulance from Merthyr Tydfil.

Drifting snow on the mountain roads beat them each time. Then the chief of the local fire brigade, Mr Jack Davies, took out the fire engine.

Many parts of Britain had their first snow of the winter yesterday. In Central England, nine amateur glider pilots were today cut off in their club headquarters on a 1,500-foot peak.

In parts of Wales snow ploughs were working to clear drifts and in Scotland three highland roads were reported blocked. — China Mail Special.

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## VODKA FLOWS IN DELHI

New Delhi, Dec. 12.

THE Soviet leaders, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev, tonight gave the most lavish reception for Indian leaders that the capital has seen since India was granted her independence.

Vodka flowed freely at a buffet dinner attended by Mr Nehru, the Indian Premier, President Rajendra Prasad and 1,000 guests at the Indian Government's guest palace.

Diplomats were offered more than 50 dishes, including caviar, lobster, stuffed turkey, sucking pig, asparagus and meringues provided by Delhi caterers at a cost per head of 50 rupees (about £3 15s).

The palace was lit by thousands of coloured lights representing 50-foot high Indian and Soviet flags. An illuminated peace dove and red star appeared to float above the roof. — Reuters.

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"And to top it, several institutions (reformatories) are about 25 per cent Catholic."

Catholic spokesmen were not immediately available for comment. — Reuters.

## BROADSIDE AGAINST RELIGION

Manchester, Dec. 12.

A BRITISH educationalist who rocked the nation earlier this year by telling a nationwide radio audience there is no God said yesterday religious training does not keep men out of gaol.

It does not "stop" women from leading an immoral life either, Mrs Margaret Knight told the annual convention of the National Secular Society, Catholics, for instance, receive more religious training than anyone else yet have the highest rate of delinquency.

It was Mrs Knight's second broadside against religion. In her first talk over BBC last January she championed scientific humanism against Christianity and told parents they should not fill their children's heads with religious instruction.

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## UN HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT ON NEW GUINEA

United Nations, Dec. 12.

The General Assembly's Main Political Committee completed its work for this year today by adopting unanimously a resolution expressing hope for "fruitful" negotiations between the Netherlands and Indonesia over Dutch New Guinea.

The resolution was declared adopted by acclamation in the absence of any objection.

Dutch-Indonesian negotiations on West New Guinea (known to the Indonesians as West Irian) and other mutual problems began on Saturday in The Hague.

Thus, by a resolution carefully worded to win approval of both Governments, the UN disposed of, in a friendly way, what had threatened at the beginning of the session to be one of the Assembly's most explosive issues.

**Considered Question**

The resolution, sponsored by Ecuador, New Zealand, Norway and Syria goes to an Assembly plenary session for certain final approval.

As a concession to the Indonesian position, the resolution stated that the Assembly had "considered" the West Irian question.

Actually, discussion was confined to arguments early in the session in the steering committee and then the Assembly on October 3 voted to put the question on the 1955 agenda.

The Dutch and Australian delegations had objected strongly to any debate this year. Indonesia had failed last year to obtain an Assembly resolution calling for bilateral negotiations on West New Guinea.

The resolution approved today expressed hope for a peaceful settlement and noted that the Dutch and Indonesian Governments had last week issued a joint statement agreeing, among other things, to talk over "certain problems concerning New Guinea." — United Press.

## More German Prisoners Return

Berlin, Dec. 12.

THE first German prisoners to return home from Russian prison camps since repatriations came to a sudden stop on October 20 arrived in West Berlin today.

Part of a batch of 415 who arrived at Fuenstenwalde transit camp in East Germany last night about 150 left the camp for West Germany today and 53 Germans and four Austrians arrived in West Berlin this morning.

Red Cross officials think more will be home in time for Christmas and they are waiting for news of more transports. It was believed 200 more prisoners were due to leave the Gorki assembly camp for Germany today.

Some of the men who arrived in Berlin today said they had gone in a hunger strike against the delay in returning them.

**Technical Reasons**

Soviet officials had told them the delay was due to "technical reasons" and "to his obligations" and "to technical reasons."

Some ex-prisoners thought the break in repatriations was due to "glorification" of earlier homecomings, and the Socialist newspaper, Nacht und Nebel, said tonight the prisoners should in future be received "with less noise" and "not all be hailed as heroes."

It is widely believed in West Germany that the Russians regarded the agreement on repatriation reached by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Moscow as part of the political deal under which West Germany agreed to establish diplomatic relations.

The seven-week break is therefore explained as due to West Germany's delay in agreeing to accept Mr Valerian Zhirinov as the first Soviet ambassador in Bonn. He is now expected to take up his post early next year. — Reuters.

## Soho Brawl Trial

### INTERPRETER NOT GUILTY

London, Dec. 12.

Christopher Gliniski, 34-year-old Polish interpreter, was today found not guilty of giving false evidence at the trial of Jack "Spot" Comer and Italian Albert Dimes.

The jury took 53 minutes to acquit Gliniski after the judge, in his summing-up, had referred to an alleged conversation between senior detectives and Gliniski and told them: "There is no meaning of words in this case. The attitude of the defence is that those two police officers have invented this conversation, that it is a tissue of lies from beginning to end."

**Saw Fight**

The prosecution had claimed that Gliniski committed wilful perjury when he gave evidence for the defence at the trial of Comer and Dimes—who were both found not guilty of fighting with a man in Soho though both were badly wounded.

Gliniski then said he saw the fight but did not know Comer or where he lived.

At this trial, he maintained that his evidence was true.

Last week Jack Comer's wife, Margaret, was fined £50 for conspiring to rig evidence in her husband's defence. Three other men charged with her were gaoled. — China Mail Special.

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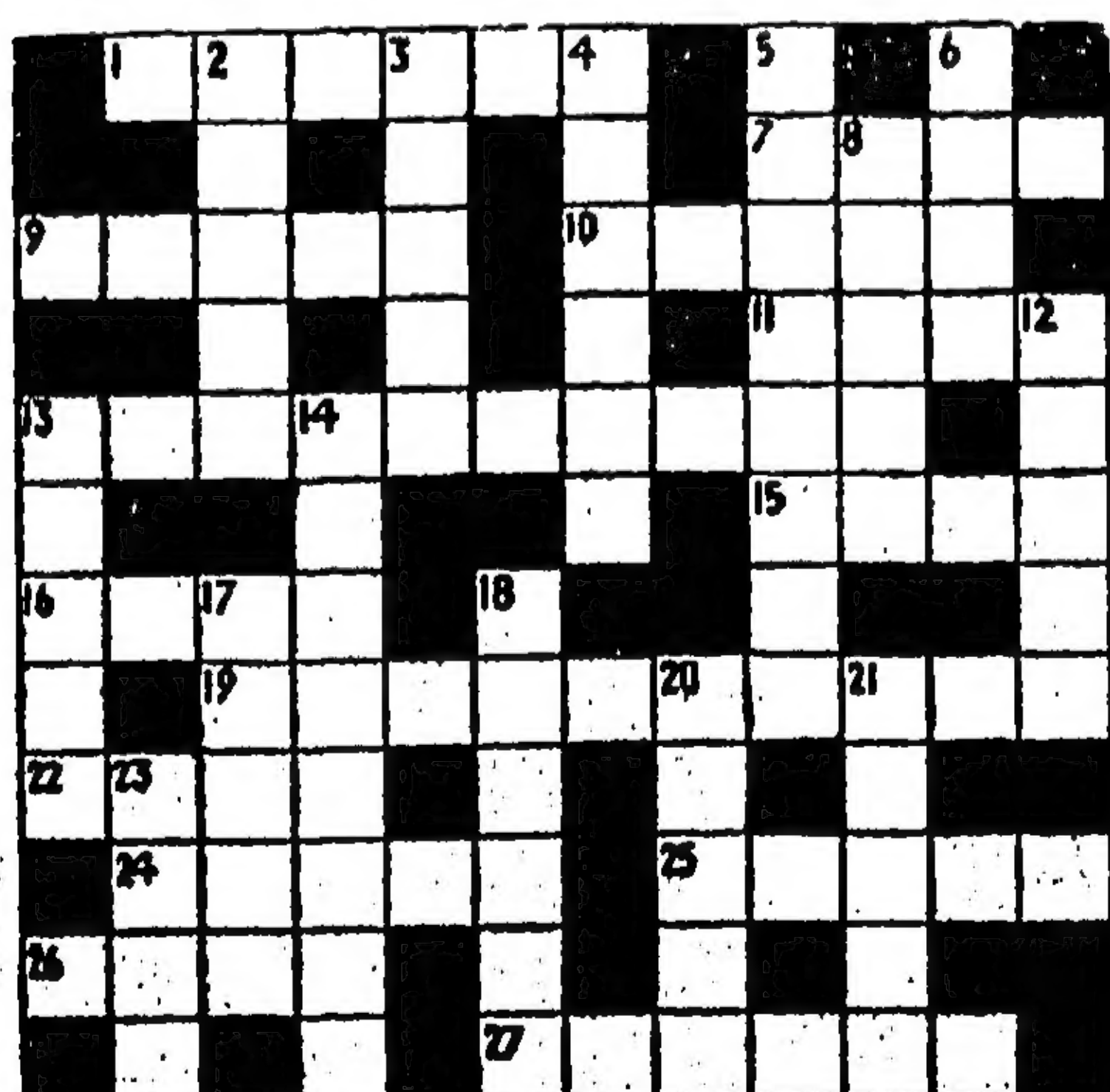
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



- | ACROSS                  | DOWN                   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Lubricate (6).        | 2 Peals (5).           |
| 7 Lofy (4).             | 3 Scant (5).           |
| 8 Fruit (5).            | 4 Make certain of (8). |
| 10 Not fresh (5).       | 5 Motionless (8).      |
| 11 Present (4).         | 6 Musical key (4).     |
| 13 Giving up hope (10). | 8 Set straight (5).    |
| 15 Before long (4).     | 12 Joint part (5).     |
| 16 Prejudice (4).       | 13 Exclude (5).        |
| 18 Reinforce (10).      | 14 Plagued (8).        |
| 22 Scold (4).           | 17 Flower (6).         |
| 24 Deserve (5).         | 18 Feverish (6).       |
| 25 Course (5).          | 20 Elegance (6).       |
| 26 Mud (4).             | 21 Custom (4).         |
| 27 Boxes (6).           | 23 Among (4).          |

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1 Swamp, 4 Pinch, 5 Aching, 8 Spook, 10 Pied, 12 Remorse, 15 Vigil, 16 Fool, 17 Odes, 19 Gores, 20 Sustain, 21 Ream, 23 Stone, 24 Craven, 25 Bases, 26 Eludes, Down: 1 Shampoo, 2 Achingly, 3 Pint, 5 Improper, 6 Choose, 8 Felon, 11 Disends, 12 Rigid, 13 Reserved, 14 Elements, 18 Duster, 22 Oak.



# THE BRAIN BEHIND THE MOTOR CAR REVOLUTION

**HARRY FEEGUSON**

is lean, bespectacled, earnest, ascetic. He looks and talks like a university professor. But he acts with the self-assurance and daring bravado of a bull fighter with an atom bomb in his pocket.

He is an incurable idealist and he is a fantastically successful business man. He eludes all the fixed categories: just when you have neatly enumerated all his qualities he leaps up again in new guise like a man in the distorting mirrors of a fun fair.

His first love was airplanes; his latest is automobiles. But he made millions—no one can say just how many millions—out of tractors.

You could almost say he became a millionaire by accident—you would say it if it weren't for the fact you have a shrewd suspicion that real life doesn't ever provide plots quite like those of the brothers Grimm.

It happened like this: Harry Ferguson was born 71 years ago in Ireland. He grew up in Belfast with the automobile. He was still in his teens when he opened his first business: selling and servicing cars and motor-cycles.

## The Hard Way

ON various occasions he was forced to make parts for the cars he was repairing. For Belfast was a long way from the then tiny centres of the motor industry, and the customers tended to get impatient.

Several times he discovered that by making the new part slightly different from the old he could effect an improvement. He learned the principles of engine design the hard way—by trial and error.

If Bleriot hadn't flown the English Channel in 1909, Ferguson's career might have been very different. But Bleriot stimulated his imagination and when, the same year, the Paris

By **LES ARMOUR**

Exhibition of Aviation was opened, Ferguson determined to go to it.

He came home with a new ambition: to build an airplane. In those days it was hard enough to build an airplane anywhere; in Belfast it was next to impossible. But Ferguson was determined.

Within a few months he had what looked like a monoplane. He wasn't sure that it would fly and he had one big problem: he couldn't calculate the balance.

"I had to balance the machine before it would fly," he says. And then he adds,

**Basically the modern motor car differs little from its rattling progenitor. From an internal combustion engine power is transmitted mechanically to the rear driving wheels. Britain announces a complete breakaway; a fluid-turbine powered vehicle. Behind it is an inventive genius and self-made millionaire—Harry Ferguson (above).**



"But I had to fly it to discover how to balance it."

He did. He made a car for himself with it. After all, it was Ireland's first airplane.

The publicity paid off—though not quite in the way Ferguson had hoped.

In 1914, with the outbreak of the First World War, the Irish Department of Agriculture realised that the first effect of the German blockade would be to transform Ireland from a hitherto backward agricultural area which could barely keep itself alive into an area which would make the difference between success and starvation to the British people. They thought that mechanisation might turn the balance. And they bought up hundreds of tractors.

Trouble was that Ireland had very few mechanics—and tractors in the hands of men who had often as not never seen a tractor before were bound to need repairing.

What they needed was a mechanical genius who could keep the whole system running. They turned to Harry Ferguson. If he could build an airplane, they reasoned, he could keep a fleet of tractors going.

He did. He also saw things that made his blood boil.

The trouble was not that the tractors were no good. The trouble was that the men who designed them had very little idea of the uses to which they were going to be put.

No tractor ever came with a plough attached. And old horse-drawn ploughs were not easy to attach. No one had even thought of attaching other kinds of farm machinery to tractors.

He emerged from the war determined to revolutionise the tractor business. By 1920 he had worked out a plan for a tractor which could do everything from ploughing to water pumping. He built and sold several thousand tractor and plough units in the United

States between 1925 and 1928. By 1935, he had perfected the "Ferguson System" for multi-purpose tractors.

His tractors were light, cheap, and easily converted to any imaginable job. In England, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, he built and sold 1,250 of them. Then, in 1938, he took his perfected tractor back to the United States and showed it to Henry Ford. He and Ford came to an agreement: Ferguson would supply the brains, Ford the mass production technique.

They built and sold 300,000 tractors between 1938 and 1947. Ferguson grew enormously rich, and Ford added new riches to old.

But the agreement between them was verbal; not one word was ever put on paper.

Meanwhile Ferguson made a similar agreement with Standard Motors: 1,000 tractors a week rolled out of the Standard plants.

That agreement was on paper.

Then Henry Ford died. Henry Ford II went on using—and expanding—Ferguson's discoveries. But there was a hitch.

Ferguson charged that the original agreement had been broken. Henry Ford II said no such agreement existed.

Ferguson sued for £83 million—and set up his own plant in Detroit.

He didn't get the £80 million from Ford but Ford did settle for the remaining £3 million and made it three million guineas. Moreover, Ford agreed to stop using Ferguson's patents.

The litigation took four years before Ford broke down and agreed to settle.

## Never Happy

BUT Harry Ferguson was never happy running his own production line. It took up too much time better spent dreaming.

By that time he had political dreams, too. He argued that if the British Government, for instance, gave up nationalising the steel industry and spent the money instead on revolutionising agriculture the Ferguson way, there would be prosperity around the corner for everyone.

He took full page advertisements in the national newspapers at several thousand pounds a throw to crusade for industrial collectivism. He saw the politico-economic scene in simple terms of black and white—as though it were an engineering problem. Nothing at all came of his crusade and he withdrew from politics as quickly as he had entered.

## Another Dream

BUT he wasn't through with his efforts on behalf of a misguided humanity.

He had another dream. This was about automobiles. He had the chance to turn out a revolutionary "People's Car" and he saw the chance to do a good turn for his fellow countrymen, too. In Belfast unemployment was, and is, rife. If he could make it another Detroit he could solve his problem.

To give him time and to expand his business at the same time, he did a deal with Massey-Harris—the world's other great tractor making firm, run by Canada's Governor-General Vincent Massey.

He merged his firm with Massey-Harris. He got roughly a quarter interest in the combined firm. Massey-Harris took over the management and he took over design and engineering. To even things up, Ferguson became chairman of the combined company.

Shortly afterwards he sold out nearly his whole interest for £6 million.

He had decided that he needed the liquid capital for his new car project.

The move indicated a sharp turnabout in his thinking. As recently as 1948 he had urged American auto makers to slow down car making so that they could make more tractors.

## His Secret

WHAT the world really needed, he said, was an agricultural revolution. Cars were merely trills. Tractors would work for humanity.

But it seemed that he had decided that humanity would not save itself and the best he could do was to help to make life a little more tolerable.

The new car was to have a completely automatic gear system, no brakes, four wheel steering so it could go sideways, four wheel drive so it would go anywhere and an engine which worked off fluid turbine drive. It was to usher in a revolution.

Ferguson's plan was—and is—to do the kind of deal he did with his tractors: get someone to make them; make the car while he conducted the research and pioneered the design. It looks now as though the

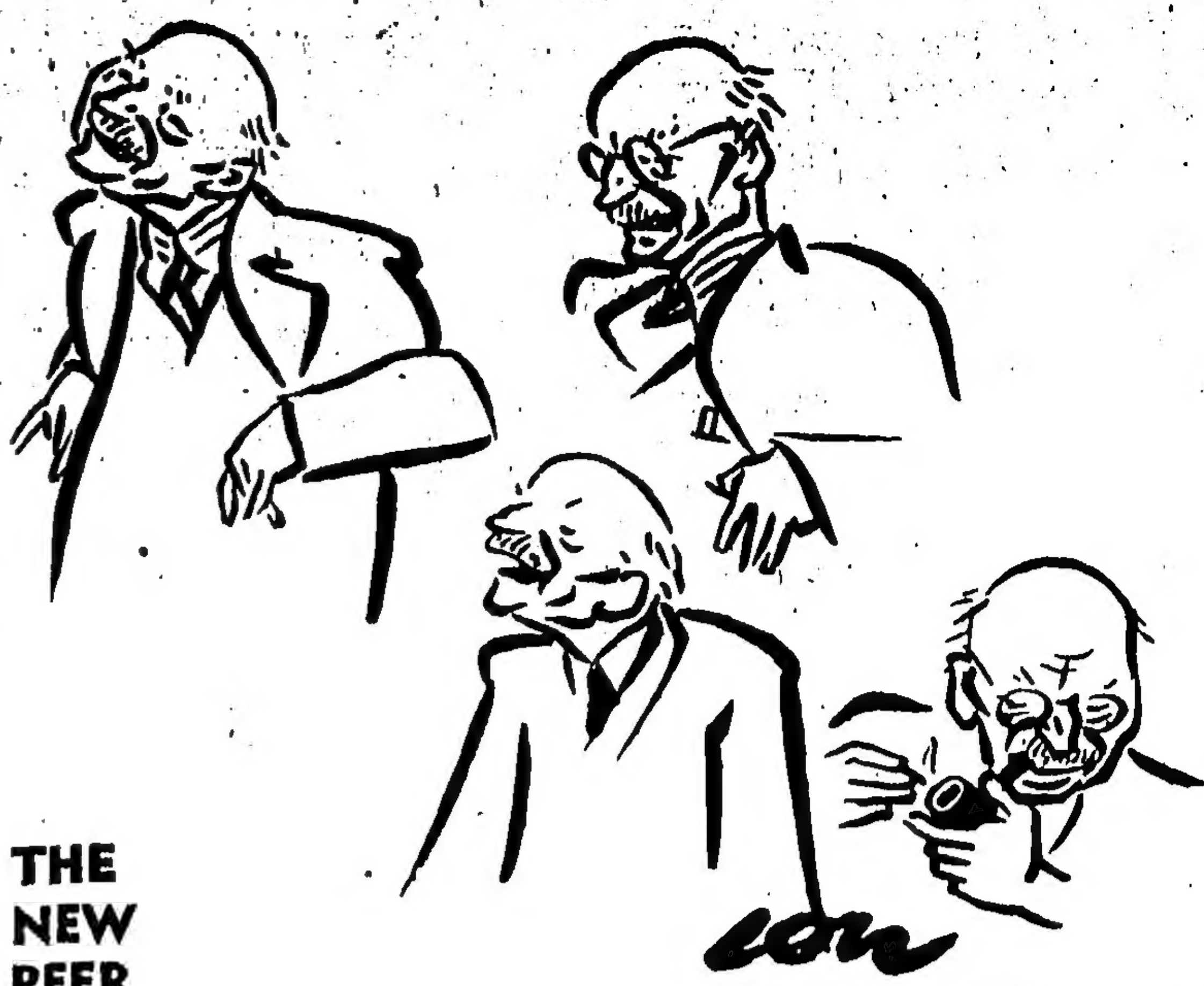
"People's Car" idea—it was to sell for under £200—has been temporarily shelved. The first cars, which will probably be built in Belfast, are likely to be luxury jobs costing a sizable amount of money.

But the People's Car is still his dream.

And now that he has Sir Miles Thomas—the man who made BOAC hum—with him, he may well pull it off.

Meanwhile he lives on his 4,000-acre farm in Stoke-on-the-Wald, Gloucestershire, directing operations. He still dresses every night for dinner, maintains a stock of the best cigars and a first class wine cellar and lives in gracious ease. But he smokes hardly at all—he won't even tolerate a cigarette in the room with him, drinks less and eats sparingly.

He prefers a little of the very good to a lot of the mediocre. And perhaps that is the secret of his success.



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## THE OTHER MR BUTLER TOTS UP

# WHY DID THE SOCIALISTS LOSE THE LAST ELECTION?

By **ROBERT BLAKE**

**MR DAVID BUTLER** is one of the leading exponents of that new and intriguing study—"psephology," or the science of elections.

He wrote an admirable survey of the General Election of 1951. He has now produced, with a speed which reflects much credit both upon himself and his publishers, an equally admirable survey of the General Election of 1955.

If it contains nothing very startling or original, that must be regarded as the fault of the election, not of Mr Butler.

## Dull business

For the general election of 1955, despite television—the effect of which (apart from Sir Anthony Eden's undoubted success) still remains uncertain—was a dull business.

True, it was the first occasion of modern times when a party in power has actually increased its majority, but there were in general few issues, no scares or stunts, and little to make it memorable.

Nevertheless Mr Butler's book is well worth reading.

*The British General Election of 1955, by D. E. Butler (Macmillan 24s.)*

One of the chief uses of a study like this is its value in dispelling the myths and misconceptions with which partisanship and prejudice so quickly befog recent history.

## The myths

I cannot help suspecting that such episodes as "Chinese slavery" or the Zinoviev letter would not figure quite so prominently in our history books if surveys of this kind had appeared in earlier times.

Already there are signs that certain myths are gaining currency with regard to the 1955 election. For example it is widely maintained that the Socialists only lost because their party machine was rusty.

Yet Mr Butler's researches show that party organisation had little effect on the results, and that some of the Socialists' best performances took place in constituencies where they had virtually no organisation at all.

Another widely accepted myth is that the Tories won, not because they converted the "floating vote," but because of Socialist apathy. On the face of things the diminished poll and the fact

that, compared with 1951, the Socialist vote fell by one and a half million, whereas the Tory vote fell by less than half a million, might seem to confirm this theory.

But, as Mr Butler points out, analysis of constituency results does not bear it out.

Were it true, we should expect the constituencies with the greatest fall in turnout to show the greatest swing to the Tories.

In fact no such pattern emerges. The Tory victory may have been due to Socialist apathy, but there is no proof. The "floating vote" may still exist.

## Boomerang

The truth is that, despite all that has been written on this important subject, no one really knows for certain why people change their allegiance or abstain from voting—why, in fact, parties lose or gain power.

Mr Butler is far too shrewd to suggest that "psephology" supplies the answers. It is, however, reasonable to guess that the Tory victory of 1955 was partly the result of national prosperity, partly a "boomerang" consequence of the Socialist scares of 1951: "Whose finger on the trigger? The Tories will destroy the Welfare

State. Unemployment will rocket."

None of these dire predictions came true. No doubt even in 1951 few people genuinely believed that Sir Winston Churchill would precipitate a third world war, but quite a number may have sincerely feared a decline in full employment and a reduction in social benefits.

## Kill-joys

Three and a half years of Tory rule effectively showed that these fears were ill-founded. Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden have successfully dispelled, one hopes for ever, the absurd myth that the Tories were a party of hard-faced business men battering upon the impoverished workers.

They were helped in their task by the attitude of their opponents, who did little to avoid the appearance of being doctrinaire kill-joys who hankered after rationing and controls out of a love of drabness for drabness's sake.

How far did "psephology" itself affect the election? Do public opinion polls actually have repercussions on the way people vote? Mr Butler convincingly concludes that despite the stentorian cry of our modern Cobden, Mr A. J. P. Taylor—"Down with Psephology"—it really makes very little difference.

## Opinion polls

Opinion polls were certainly accurate, the Daily Express being nearest, within 0.8 per cent, of the final figures for all three parties.

But these figures mask a number of results which defied the general trend, especially in that well-known home of lost causes, the county of Norfolk.

Admittedly the uniformity of well-drilled partisan battalions has done much to destroy the fun of General Elections.

But it is agreeable to know that, even in this, sedate, mid-20th century, someone can stand for the second time on a programme of legalised cock-fighting and home rule for Cumberland and increase his vote—though not alas, save his deposit.

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# COMMUNIST "GIFT WAR" IN ASIA EXPOSED

By **JAMES WICKENDEN**

**WESTERN** experts are measuring the dangers of the Russian "gift war" in Asia, where Bulganin and Krushchev are now on tour.

Russia and her satellites have begun offering lorries, oil-gear power stations, cables, cement, and many other goods on a big scale to the whole of mainland Asia except Pakistan, Siam and Southern Vietnam.

But the West will make no immediate counter-move.

## HOLLOW GESTURES

London and Washington are agreed that Krushchev has overplayed his hand in India, where sharp press reactions followed his "bumping" anti-West speech.

Time is expected to show the hollowness of the "trade" offered by the Communists. Various Russian gambits are already being exposed.

For example, Russia bought large stocks of surplus rice from Burma and then sold it to Communist North Vietnam—merely acting as a broker—and North Vietnam is one of the richest rice-producing areas in Asia.

This is "dumping" goods which are not required on a satellite.

The Czechs are offering Burma cotton yarn, but this is probably the cotton the Czechs are getting from Egypt in payment for the arms deal.

China is offering India 80,000 tons of steel although Peking is desperately short of it. Possibly the metal will really come from Russia. Clearly the object is to create an impression rather than do real business.

By this flurry of offers the Communists are giving the appearance of "opening" new markets to Asia, promoting local development, plans and building good relations.

But most of the deals are "one-shot" and will not recur. It is unlikely, for instance, that

the Czechs will want more cotton from Egypt next year.

And the general effect of "dumping" is to dislocate normal trade channels. The West is aware that the Japanese are already complaining of Chinese sales of paper, medicines and cotton goods in Asia, at below cost.

## NO USE FOR THEM

These same goods came from Russia and are listed by Li Chien-fen, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, as those which "will materially improve our people's livelihood." In fact, the Chinese are getting rid of Russian goods they have found no use for.

The London view is that temporary trade agreements will not help solve the long-term Asian problem of raising productivity. Only permanent and detailed schemes such as the Colombo Plan and American aid programmes can do this. However, no one is complacent enough to think the Russians have played their last card.

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



He says he's always had a profound admiration for the Soviet way of life.



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bid In No-Trump Needed Care

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played at the recent National Championships in Chicago, several experts played the hand at three no-trump and had the humiliation of losing the first five heart tricks. The good bidders played the hand at five clubs, but not all of them made that excellent contract.

The opening lead was the jack of hearts at all tables, and the suit was continued. South ruffing the second round. Several declarers drew out the jack of spades, after drawing trumps, and felt betrayed when this finesse unaccountably lost to the queen. These players lost a spade, a heart, and a diamond, one trick too many for the contract.

The proper play is demonstrated by George C. Fox, Jr., of Atlanta, Texas, a comparative new comer to the expert circle. He has no reason to take one trick too many, but he was sure to get two later in the hand.

NORTH 10			
♠ K 9 3			
♥ 8 6 5			
♦ A 8 4			
♣ K 1 7 2			
WEST			
♠ Q 6			
♥ J 10 9 4 2			
♦ 7 5 3 2			
♣ 6 4			
EAST (D)			
♠ 10 8 7 5 2			
♥ A K Q 3			
♦ Q J 9			
♣ 5			
SOUTH			
♠ A J 4			
♥ K 10 6			
♦ A Q 10 8 3			
♣ A Q 10 8 3			
North-South vs. East-West			
East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ J			

After ruffing the second heart, Forrester drew two rounds of trumps, called dummy's last heart, and cashed the top diamonds. He got out with the diamond that he was sure to lose sooner or later, allowing East to win the trick.

East had to lead a spade, of course, since another heart return would have given declarer a ruff and a discard. Forrester played a low spade from his hand, and West's queen was trapped. No further finesse was necessary.

The first line thus turned out to be enough, but Forrester wasn't completely dependent on catching the queen of spades in this way. If only the ten of spades had appeared on the first round, he would have won with dummy's king of spades and would still have been in position to try the normal finesse for the queen.

## WORD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1 Heart 1 Spade Pass 7 You, South, hold: ♠ K 5 4 2 ♠ A K Q J 9 4 ♠ K 3 What do you do?  
A—Bid three diamonds. You intend to raise to game in spades if North can rebid his suit. You will pass three no-trump. Otherwise you will push on to game in diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass 1 NT Pass 7 You, South, hold: ♠ A Q 8 5 ♥ 6 3 ♦ J 10 3 ♠ 7 5 2 What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MAY 38,425 cartons of handkerchiefs run away with me if I am not awed by the new stainless steel dress. The material, I read, has been chemically treated (like most drinks), so that a girl who is really enjoying herself can throw wine, beer, soda or cocktails all over herself and everybody else without the least embarrassment. It promises to be such fun that winners are already making a cheap brand of drink for throwing purposes like the famous Throwing Pot of Baillio years ago, in time and after more research, and chemists may combine to produce a chemical that can either be drunk or used to treat clothes.

(TOMORROW: How to reorganize (insured) capital on an attractive basis.)

If I may  
A critic complains that in a recent production of a Wagner opera the words were inaudible, if not jolly. Jack Hopkins, when a light laugh, a mellow could be found of making the music inaudible, a Wagner might be a peaceful beyond the dream of war.

A new Snibbo product

The Snibbo all-purpose drink

Snibbo, can be used to stain

## This Funny World



"I told you this tomb had a curse on it. Here come my wife and her mother."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

BORN today, you are an adventurous and active. You must be very careful to keep all your new, sacred. You have a love for the mysterious and are always looking for hidden in reality. Behind the apparent set you have considerable capability but know when to be different and when it is wise to be thoroughly conventional. Your emotions are deep and you will be surprised if you do not in early age. Among those born on this date are: Philip Brooks, reformer and author; Heinrich Heine, the poet; Mark Twain, the novelist; John Savage, dramatist and poet; S. I. G. Zalkind, inventor; Andrew Spencer, noted jurist; Lillian, Hollywood actress; Norman Foster, actor; Mary Todd Lincoln.

To find what the stars have in store for you, consult the birth-day star and read the forecast pointing paragraph. Let your birthday star be your guide!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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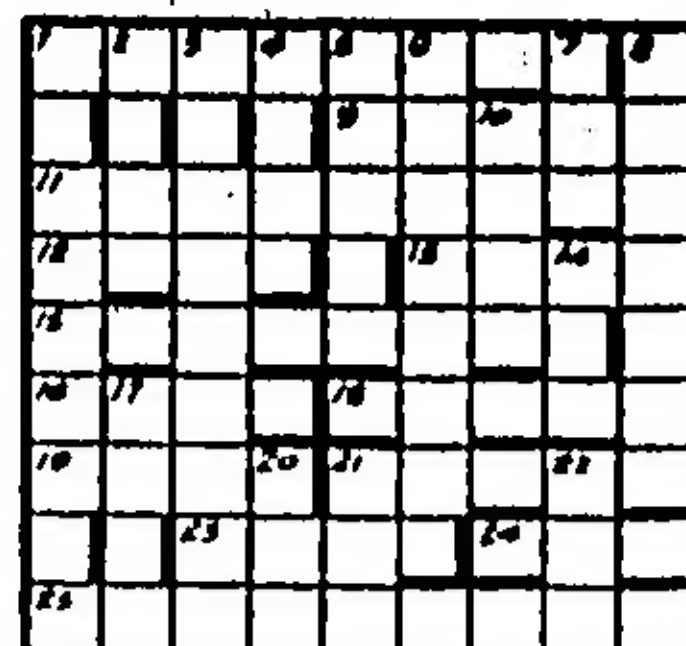
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## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Address the cubic centimetre as three-quarters iron (8)  
9. He backs, slips and stuns (5)  
11. Pull up by the roots (5)  
12. The sapper follows the artist (4)  
13. "How do you do her husband?" said Shaw (4)  
15. My lady (4)  
16. Fallen for a film (4)  
18. Trim in Edwardian novels (3)  
19. It sets off the Wembley roar (4)  
21. It's a long road that never does this (5)  
23. They set down to the bottom of the bottle (4)  
24. Peter and soprano, maybe (3)  
25. They set to work, inviting you to eat (5-4)

Down  
1. Bag for pyramids (9)  
2. Oil in the decoration (4)  
3. A catch block (4)  
4. I'd get around the first two squares (4)  
5. He's linked with a sinner in a club (5)  
6. A blunder (3)  
7. Pen return (3)  
8. A living for the pawnbroker (7)  
10. One up (4)  
14. It's returned in 23 Across (3)  
17. She made an unpopular wartime ally (4)  
20. Allow the tenant in (4)  
21. Busy plump with a down in (4)  
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# WOMANSENSE

For The Parents Of The Girls Desserts With Like This... Holiday Flavour

By ALICE DENHOFF

TO give a holiday flavour to any meal, to honour company, it is wise to select a special dessert, but one that isn't too hard on the preparer, a delicacy such as individual Gingerbread Alaska.

Empty the contents of a package of prepared gingerbread mix into a mixing bowl. Add ½ c. cold water or milk to the mixture. Stir vigorously until free from lumps; stir in ½ c. more water or milk gradually. Pour into large-sized greased muffin pans or 8 individual baking cups. Bake at 375° F. for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and allow to cool thoroughly.

Carefully cut a cone from the centre of each muffin. Fill cavity with vanilla ice cream. Top with meringue made by beating 2 egg whites until stiff, then adding ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. vanilla and ¼ c. sugar gradually. Continue beating until mixture is fine-grained and will hold its shape. Return to hot oven (425° F.) for about 3 minutes or until top of meringue is lightly browned. Must be served immediately.

Also in the holiday gingerbread vein, here's another recipe for a delicious cake.

Combine ½ c. chopped raisins, ¼ c. chopped citron and tsp. grated orange rind. Mix a batch of quickly prepared gingerbread mix. Pour the prepared gingerbread batter into a loaf pan; sprinkle the fruit mixture evenly over the top. Bake as directed on the package. Serve hot, cut in squares. Serves 8.

A batch of oat tartlets will add that extra touch to any meal, and turn just a run-of-the-mill affair into something special. Chop 2 c. cranberries; add to ½ c. minced pineapple tidbits, 1½ c. sugar and ¼ tsp. salt. Let stand for 2 to 3 hours. Just before serving, add 2 diced bananas. Fill 6 tart shells with mixture and top with ½ c. whipped cream. What could be easier?



PICTURE BY JOHN FRENCH

## How To Receive Compliments Graciously

By JEANNE D'ARCY

"WHAT a pretty dress!" "You have a darling nose!"

They're compliments, something every woman likes to get, but not many women know how to receive them graciously.

To prove this point, we conducted a little experiment one day. We passed out compliments to four women, and here are the results of the test.

We told a future receptionist we envied her figure, it was so slim and trim.

"Do you really think so?" she said incredulously. "I simply have to go on a diet. I've got to lose at least 10 pounds." We protested. "No," she argued. "I just feel too fat for words." We felt positively apologetic after defending our compliment. Maybe we should get glasses but still, she didn't look fat to us. We told a secretary she had a most attractive dress on; it was extremely becoming. "This old thing?" she said disdainfully. "Why, I've had it for years!" More faulty judgment on our part.

The little typist had a real chic pair of shoes on. We mentioned them. "These?" she said. "Geel! They're just cheap shoes, nothing special." We asked another girl where she had her hair cut; it was such an attractive coiffure. "Why, thank you very much," she said. "I'm so glad you like it." Out of the four, she was the only one who knew how to take a compliment gracefully and, in our opinion, she's the only one who deserved one. When







## ENGLAND'S TEAM AGAINST SPAIN



Walter Winterbottom, the team manager, has a word with members of the England team against Spain on November 30. England won 4-1.—Central Express Photo.

## The "Dirty" Player Today Is Not A Footballer But A Footpad

Says VERNON MORGAN

British football is suffering not only from a bad patch in the world soccer table, though may be it is rated a shade better today than it was a couple of years ago, but also from a surfeit of dirty play.

This is not just one writer's opinion, but the view of so many from the leading administrators to the British public and the soccer writers. If that were not so why is the English Football Association going to step up its campaign against unsportsmanlike behaviour. Why are gates falling and why does one writer head his article "Dirty play is ruining soccer and cheating the fans."

At the meeting of the FA Council today they will consider a strongly worded resolution from the Instructional Committee which takes a serious view of the bad examples displayed by some senior players, both professional and amateur, who persist in committing petty infringements and behave in an unsportsmanlike manner towards match officials.

The Committee are asking the Council "to take all steps possible" to stop the misconduct which is "unquestionably undoing much of the good work carried out by the FA for the general well being of the game."

### MISDEMEANOURS

They will also themselves probably instruct the Disciplinary Committee to deal much more severely than they have done in the past with players reported to them for misdemeanours.

It is thought that the Instructional Committee have taken good note of the splendid example set by some foreign touring teams, notably the Russians, and would like to see the English, who gave the game to the world, as well disciplined as their pupils. Some believe that the trend of schools to go over to rugby football may be influenced by bad examples set by top-class soccer players.

The variety rugby match last week will not have helped the cause of soccer much either, for after two bad games this was a fine example of how two teams can do battle fairly and in a sporting spirit.

Foreign teams have recently gone back home saying how dirty the play is in Britain today. That has not pleased the British administrators, jealous of the prestige of the game in the mother country.

Fact-finding missions by English sports writers have disclosed how many infringements take place weekly in the League matches. They are asking the Players Union to take steps to see that their players play the game. They are asking the public to boo bad sportsmanship just as they boo bad play. They are asking directors and managers to come down heavily on the players in their clubs who resort to mean tactics. As one writer puts it, the dirty player today is not a footballer but a footpad and should be treated accordingly.

A remarkable article calling on the English Football Association to pull out of the International Football Federation (FIFA) has appeared in the British press. It was written by Stan Seymour, the "boss" of Newcastle United.

Accusing the FIFA of "pandering to the Continentals" he wrote: "I call on the FA to pull out of FIFA while football is still a British game. If they don't we won't recognise it in a few years' time."

After asking what good could come out of a tie-up with the Continent, he attacks FIFA for

introducing the indirect free kick, which he says is hated by everyone in Britain. He goes on to say: "FIFA will surely pass a rule that will line us up with that idiotic Continental no charging the goal-keeper law. If that goes through our football will become a farce."

Mr Seymour adds: "Let's back out before they fix another silly rule."

### IN THEIR FAVOUR

He goes on to say that Continental football is not so wonderful after all and that European clubs, such as Moscow Dynamo, Honved and Red Banner—and the rest of them—would finish nearer the bottom than the top of the English First Division.

"These Continentals like everything to be in their favour—even the rules. That is why they are tinkering with our laws. I call on everyone in British football to fight this menace."

"If the English are hopelessly bound to FIFA then I hope the Scots, the Welsh and the Irish will refuse to trail along behind them. Let us play these foreigners by all means. And let us do our best to beat them. But don't let us be their slaves."

The outspoken Mr Seymour is not likely to get much support for his plea.

### Rumania Wins

London, Dec. 12. Rumania beat England by seven matches to one in a table tennis international here tonight. Sixteen-year-old Miss Ann Haydon, who recently reached the women's singles final in the Swedish international Championships at Stockholm, was England's only winner. She beat Miss Ella Zeller 21-11, 19-21, 21-11.

Rumania's World Champion, Mrs Angelica Rozeanu, who defeated Miss Haydon at Stockholm, was a fine form. She and Miss Zeller, the World Doubles Champions, beat the former Champions, the twin sisters Mrs Rosalind Cornett and Miss Diane Rowe, 21-18, 21-14.

Mrs Rozeanu also beat Mrs Cornett in a singles match—China Mail Special.

### SPORTRAIT



—And I still say my figure is better formed than yours!

## Why Attack Ford; I Say He Is Not To Blame

By ALAN HOBY

So Trevor Ford is the bad boy, the spoilt darling, the pampered prima donna of soccer!

Because the fiery Wales and Cardiff centre-forward refuses to play inside-left for his club he is pelted with every stone in the critic's lexicon. What hypocrisy!

Before we start treating Thunderbolt Trevor like a leper, we should first tear away the stupid pretence that modern League football is a sport. It is nothing of the sort.

Far from being a sport, it is the biggest entertainment industry in the country.

It is god is filthy lucre and, as such, it depends on its big names to pull in the cash customers.

So before you sit in smugly self-righteous judgment on the "shocking" Mr Ford, put yourselves in his place for a moment—as I have done.

### CROWD PULLER

To kick off, the ruggedly individualistic Cardiff ace is a born crowd-puller.

Although he has been involved in £20,000 worth of transfer fees, he has also raked in thousands of pounds of the turnstiles—but always as a specialist centre-forward NEVER as an inside-left.

Yet as a product of soccer's miserly star system, the highest wage he—and other stars—can earn is £15 a week.

Indeed, the only way Ford can safeguard his future is from outside "perks"—Trevor is a night salesman.

But he will get these sideline jobs only while he remains at the top.

Is it really so surprising, therefore, that Ford should stubbornly refuse to sacrifice his star value by playing in a strange position?

How would you like it if, having reached the top of your trade or profession, your boss suddenly asked you to change jobs?

I know how I would feel if, after all these years, my editor came to me and said: "I want you to write the political leaders from now on."

I don't say I would refuse, but I can't honestly go on record

that I would be happy at the prospect.

This is a specialist age. I know football is a team game, but imagine the outcry if Stanley Matthews was asked to play wing half, Nat Lofthouse at full-back, or Johnny Haynes on the wing!

### AN EXCEPTION

I don't deny the all-round versatility of the great John Charles. But Charles is an exception.

Indeed, it can be argued that neither Leeds nor Wales are getting the best out of him by all this chopping and changing.

Don't get me wrong. Many footballers have been moved around, but mostly during their formative years.

Manchester United manager Matt Busby, for instance, has been one of the most successful "switchers" since the war.

But both Ford and Don Revie who also wants a move because he was originally asked to play wing-half, are mature

footballers of long standing. And, whatever their clubs may think, both became famous as centre-forwards.

Let me say at once that I don't go all the way with Ford. In his case I think that once he had registered his protest he should have turned out for Cardiff. But he refused. For reasons best known to himself he deliberately courted unpopularity and now he has been suspended, and placed on the transfer list.

I'm not arguing about this disciplinary action by the Cardiff management. It was inevitable under the rules.

But, basically, it is the present rotten money system which is far more to blame than Trevor Ford.

As I see it, there is only one solution to all this back-biting and bitterness—

Put the stars on long-term contracts and pay them what they are worth.

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## Chalk End Is Good Prospect As Hurdler; No Stamina Doubt

Says JAMES PARK

There is one difference between flat racing and jumping that appeals to me. Too often on the flat I am greeted with "What'll win?" Over the sticks I find there is a greater tendency for people to think things out for themselves and it is mainly a question of discussing the pros and cons.

I found that out when a number of jumping enthusiasts told me they appreciated my comments on the Sandown programmes.

I stressed the difference between horsemanship and jockeyship and said the ideal was the combination of the two.

Most of the jumping enthusiasts are interested in horsemanship rather than in jockeyship. That is not surprising in view of the fact that many have had actual experience of hunting and the ability to remain in the saddle.

That is not sufficient when it comes to racing or even with point-to-point races. A knowledge of flat racing can be an advantage during the winter, even though I have said that jumping is my number one essential over hurdles or fences. Racing on the flat is my main business and I like to apply it when I go out jumping.

### RACE RIDING

In saying that, I do not wish to be thought of as one of the side of those whose only concern is a financial one. Far from it. I like to note points in race riding, and there is more time to do it than on the flat, when too often it is all over in a minute or so.

If I may pass judgment here and there I do not want it to be thought I am hypercritical in any way. I would much rather be helpful than otherwise and that will be the basis of anything I may write on jumping.

In that connection there were two incidents that struck me at Kempton. There was a certain similarity about each. In between the last two hurdles I thought Perfield was going better than Fredette. Perfield may have thought the same for he did not go into the last jump with the same dash as Fredette.

### ON PERFIELD

Perfield was inclined to stop and have a look, whereas Fredette would have won it if he had gone into the obstacle with abandon. Whether I am right or wrong my money would be on Perfield next time.

The following day Bob Turner rode a perfectly judged race on Cottage Lane, but may have been lulled into a sense of false security. He went the nearest way home, made up ground steadily and stuck to the inside in the straight. He looked as if he could join the leader at any stage, but his mount did exactly the same as Perfield did in the last jump.

If he had joined issue before the last and had been put at it in resolute manner there might have been a different result. As it was he was only third.

Nikiforov may also have been lulled into a false sense of security. He was in too short a time, but he finished

so well that a three-mile handicap should come his way before long.

### MOST APPEAL

As a prospect for the future, the one to make most appeal was Chalk End. It was all too late when he got into top gear, but it will pay to keep an eye on him. He is very well and there is nothing the matter with his stamina.

Straight Lad gives promise of going a long way. When he met the hurdles right he jumped like an old hand. He barged through a couple in a manner which told he still has something to learn.

That will come with practice, but I have no doubt he is a rookie with a future. What I liked was the strong manner in which he kept his action while most of the others were floundering.

Slight of Hand can be followed with a certain degree of confidence. There is enough of him to make a champion, but in the meantime he can pick up a race or two over hurdles.

### TOO PATIENT

Ugogo was ridden with a little too much patience. He used to try to make the running. Now he is being ridden from behind. A happy medium will suit him best.

I like the look of Arctic Song, and a bit more schooling will be to the advantage of Stem King.

When we get heavy going Backer will not be long in winning a selling hurdle. Khorene will be popping up before long, and though hilariously never got into the argument do not be surprised if he is capable of winning a race before Christmas.

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December, 1955.

## Spaniards Reflect On Argentina

Madrid, Dec. 12.  
Events in Argentina have caused some  
Spanish circles to reflect on what might happen  
here when the Franco regime ends.

The fall of President Peron caused few  
regrets in Spain. His anti-Catholic policy was  
unpopular here and there had been friction  
between him and Madrid authorities concerning  
Spain's long-standing debt to Argentina of 2,000  
million pesetas (\$20,000,000) for wheat and meat.

But General Lora's over-  
throw was deplored. The  
Falange weekly newspaper,  
Juventud, for instance, wrote:  
"Lora and those with him  
guaranteed the union of the  
best qualities of Argentina."  
General Lora's overthrow  
was regarded here as the  
triumph of the old political  
groups of the pre-Peron days.  
The preoccupation of the  
supporters of the present regime is  
to ensure that this shall not  
happen in Spain on the day  
when General Franco no longer  
leads the nation.

### Anticipate Events

The Monarchists consider that  
it would be wise to anticipate  
events by allowing the press to

prepare the public for a return  
of the monarchy. In view of the  
fact that General Franco spon-  
sors the idea of a restoration in  
the person of the youthful  
Prince Juan Carlos.

But apparently General  
Franco would only give way so  
far as to agree that books con-  
taining monarchist propaganda  
would be allowed to appear.

Supporters of the regime be-  
lieve that it is now strong  
enough to withstand the  
assaults which will obviously be  
launched by the extreme right,  
by the moderate Republican  
exiles and by the Communists  
when General Franco dies or  
withdraws.

It is assumed by the regime's  
supporters that General Franco  
has already made a secret  
choice of a personality to  
succeed him as regent until  
Prince Juan Carlos comes of  
age and ascends the throne.  
They believe that the hostility  
to this solution of the extreme  
right and of the Republican  
exiles will be of scant im-  
portance.

### Red Menace

The Communist menace is  
seen, however, as considerable.  
The Communists are believed to  
be the only clandestine group to  
maintain an active underground  
organization in Spain. Further-  
more, Communists, infiltrated  
into other clandestine parties  
might be able to push a com-  
munist policy under moderate  
or even conservative political  
banners.

At present, however, no parti-  
cular fears for the future are  
noticeable in Spain. Although  
General Franco was 63 on  
December 4, he seems to be in  
good shape physically.—China  
Mail Special.

## Ambassadors' Daughters Visit Paris Studio



A party of ambassadors' daughters recently paid a visit to a film studio in Paris to watch part of a day's shooting. Name of the film in production was—wait for it—"The Ambassador's Daughter." The girls are shown gathered round the camera listening to explanations from director Norman Krassa. Standing beside him is film actress Myrna Loy. Girls are, from

left: Miss Marguerite Bol-  
zeiser (daughter of the Nether-  
land Ambassador to France);  
Miss Marij Malik (daughter  
of the Indian Ambassador to  
France); Miss Claude Joxe  
(daughter of former French  
Ambassador to the USSR);  
Miss Amelle Holo (daughter  
of the Finnish Ambassador to  
France) and Miss Stella Jebb  
(daughter of the British Am-  
bassador to France).—Express  
Photo.

## US Consulate Closes In Hanoi

Hanoi, Dec. 12.  
The United States Consulate  
at Hanoi, finally closed down  
today.

The last two members of the  
consulate staff who left Hanoi  
for Saigon (South Vietnam)  
today hauled down the  
American flag before they left.

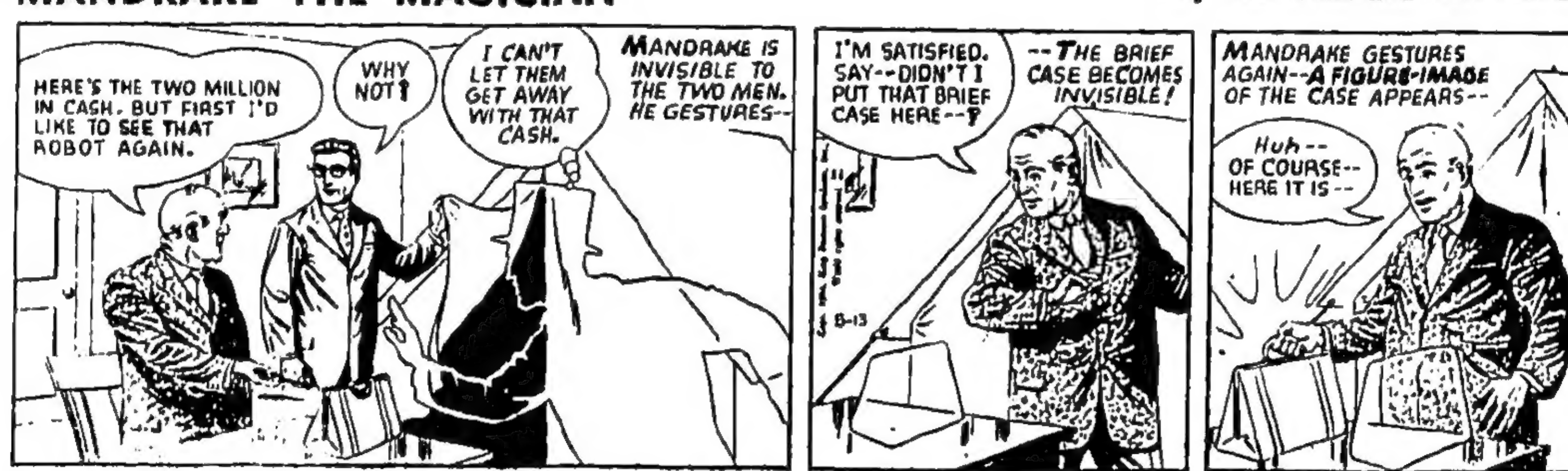
The American Consulate had  
never in fact been recognised  
by the North Vietnamese Govern-  
ment since it came into power  
in October, 1954.

The decision to close the con-  
sulate was finally made some  
months ago by the American  
Government, when it became  
impossible to keep up communi-  
cations between the American  
State Department and the con-  
sulate.

In future, Great Britain,  
through her Consul-General,  
will watch over American  
interests in North Vietnam.—  
France-Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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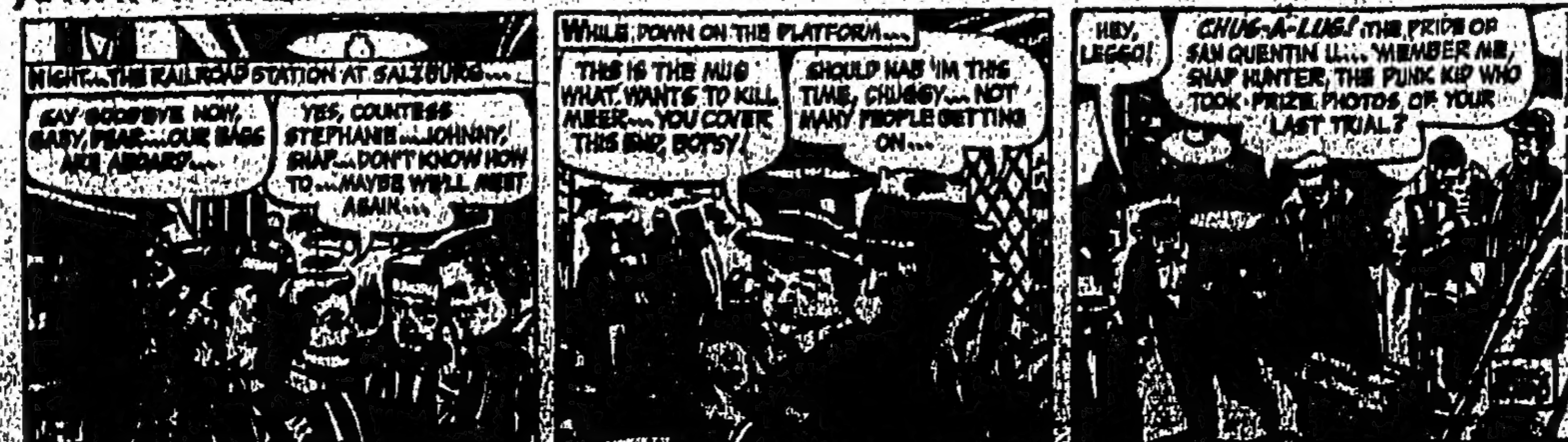
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## EXPERIMENT MAY SAVE OLD DUTCH WINDMILLS

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.

An experiment which may save many  
of Holland's centuries-old windmills from  
the decay and destruction with which they  
are threatened has begun in the small town  
of Hasselt near Zwolle.

The local windmill, which after  
generations of corn grinding could no  
longer be run economically, has now been  
entirely converted to produce electricity,  
bringing hope that other windmills may be  
saved in the same way.

The experiment has not  
come too soon, for thousands  
of windmills have already dis-  
appeared from the Dutch land-  
scape in the last half century  
and many more are threaten-  
ed with a similar fate.

The new project has been  
worked out by the local  
Electricity Board which de-  
cided that it must try to do  
something to save the famous  
"De Zwaluw" (The Swallow)  
mill from ruin when its  
millers announced that he  
could no longer make a living  
from grinding corn.

On the initiative of Mr. R.  
Baggerman, the Board's chief  
engineer and a fanatic lover of  
Holland's old windmills, plans  
were drawn up for functional  
changes in the mill which  
would not only allow it to  
produce electricity, but would  
also increase its potential out-  
put.

### Long Study

Later, however, Mr. Bag-  
german came to the conclusion  
that a long study of the mill,  
that is, the mill itself, was  
needed. It was entirely  
turned over to producing elec-  
tricity and gave up corn  
grinding.

In this he differed funda-  
mentally from other scattered  
experiments which have been  
conducted in recent years to  
save the windmills by turn-  
ing over only part of their  
production to electricity while  
still continuing to grind corn.

The windmill's new gener-  
ator has been connected to the  
local grid and is expected to  
have a capacity of between  
30,000 and 50,000 kilowatt  
hours a year—sufficient elec-

tricity for up to 80 average  
families in the region over a  
year.

The total cost of conversion,  
including the 30-kilowatt  
dynamo and all the other  
necessary electrical equip-  
ment, has been approximately  
10,000 guilders (about £1,000  
sterling)—about one fifth of  
the market price of a wind-  
mill in full working order.

### More Economical

Although the conversion  
costs seem high, Mr. Bag-  
german thinks that it may be a  
small price to pay in the long  
run to keep the typical Dutch  
windmill in operation.

Nearly 1,200 windmills are  
still standing in Holland, though  
only 800 of these are in regu-  
lar use. At the beginning of  
the century an estimated 6,000  
mills were flourishing in all  
parts of the country, but now  
thousands have been lost owing  
to improved mechanical equip-  
ment.

Nonetheless, experts claim  
that many mills, particularly  
those used to pump water on  
medium-sized polders, the re-  
claimed land surrounded by  
dykes, are still more economi-  
cal to run than any other type  
of machinery for the same job.  
But a great number of large  
windmills used for grinding  
corn are far less economic than  
modern equipment.

A Dutch windmill cannot  
work in a gale nor in a very  
light breeze. It needs a steady  
wind with a speed between 10  
miles an hour and 23 miles an  
hour to work well. But these  
requirements are usually fairly  
easily fulfilled in Holland  
where a steady breeze seldom  
falls to blow over the flat  
countryside.

One of the new ideas which  
has been fitted to the Swallow  
mill at Hasselt is a system to  
keep the sails turning into the  
wind so that they get its full  
benefit.

### Task Lighter

The mechanism is run elec-  
trically and is set automatically  
by a type of weather vane on  
top of the mill. Previously the  
millers had to shift the sails  
manually each time the wind  
changed direction.

The sails run the generator  
automatically, and the miller  
therefore needs no special en-  
gineering knowledge to be  
able to continue to run his  
mill.

His task has also been made  
lighter by another of the  
Electricity Board's inventions to  
increase the mill's efficiency.  
This is an automatic device  
which regulates the amount  
of surface covered on the sails  
according to the strength of  
the wind.

The former canvas covering  
of the sails has been replaced  
by a type of hinged lattice,  
which, as the wind increases  
in force, opens away from the  
sail, allowing the air to pass  
through and thus presenting a  
smaller surface for the wind  
to catch.

The old system of canvas  
meant that as the wind in-  
creased or decreased, in force,  
the miller was obliged to stop  
the windmill and alter the  
amount of canvas covering the  
sails by hand.

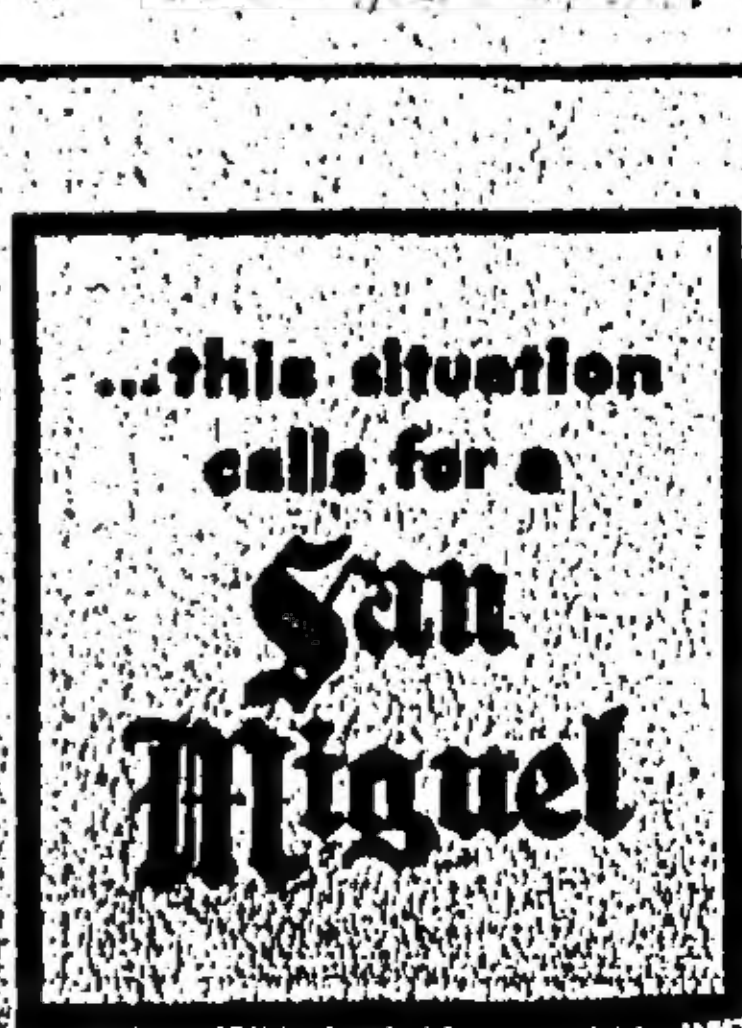
Mr. Baggerman says that the  
mill will have to be in use  
for at least a year before it  
can be accurately determined  
whether it will be an  
economical experiment, war-  
ranteeing other conversions to  
electricity.

### Voluntary

But he is optimistic that the  
project will be a success and  
allow the miller to hire the  
generator and other equipment  
now installed in his mill, and  
make a yearly profit from the  
sale of electricity. The Board  
would buy the power which  
he produces.

Meanwhile, a voluntary or-  
ganization, the Society for the  
Protection of Windmills in  
Holland, is leading a campaign  
to save many more of the old  
mills. Town councils also seem  
to be becoming conscious of  
the value of windmills—both  
practical and aesthetic—and  
are allocating funds for their  
restoration.

If large numbers of mills  
can be successfully converted  
to produce electricity, it will  
certainly do much to save Hol-  
land's old windmills from dis-  
appearing from the traditional  
picture of the Dutch landscape.  
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### The Customer Is Always Right

HE was wheeling a bicycle along a street near King's Cross, a frayed man, in his middle-sixties. From time to time, he treated the bicycle to a look in which contempt and loathing were about equally mixed.

Two men approached the frayed man, whose name was Fred. He saw them as savours who might relieve him of the hated machine.

"Hey," he called out, "here, you, like to buy this bicycle? Give me a quid for it, eh? It only wants a quid."

"We are police officers," one of the strangers said. "Where did you get the bicycle?"

He's all right, sir. He says his relations won't have anything to do with him."

#### PRISON PASSES THE TIME

"My brother's a maniac. There's nothing wrong with him, except his throat's not been cut."

"This man," the police officer went on, "did do a job for a few days in a feather firm, and got paid £1 a day. He said he couldn't stand it, and left."

"It's my brother who was the dirty dog who first put me in court," Fred said, harking back to family matters.

"It seems a matter of indifference to you whether you go to prison or not," said the magistrate.

#### LITTER

FRED spun an elaborate yarn about finding the bicycle left to rot on some waste ground behind the lodging-house that had been his home. The police were not satisfied. Fred was arrested.

At Clerkenwell he pleaded not guilty to stealing a saddle-less green bicycle valued at £4 10s.

The story of Fred's attempt at a sale was told to the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell.

"Any questions?" the magistrate asked Fred.

"Yes," he answered promptly. "They say that bike's worth £4 10s. I'd say you could only regard it as litter."

"Has no one claimed the machine?" the magistrate asked.

"No one, sir," came the reply.

"If you ask me," said Fred, "that bike's what we call a 'tap'."

"A 'tap'?"

"What's that?" asked the magistrate.

#### TOTTENHAM TAPPERS

TAPS come from Tottenham, Fred said, as if it were common knowledge that such was the case. "Tappers are all from Tottenham, and all Tottenham's tappers."

"Oh," said the magistrate.

He found the case proved. "Is he all right in the head, do you think?" the magistrate asked.

"I'm more than all right up there," Fred said, to save the police officer the trouble of answering. But the policeman would not be spared. "I think

#### BECAME BORED

London, Dec. 13. Joyce Ainger, a 19-year-old English girl, gave up her attempt to beat the world record for continuous roller skating last night after skating for 80 hours and one minute at Aylesbury.

Miss Ainger aimed at 61 hours. She said she gave up because she was bored and not because of any physical hardship. —Reuter.



Richard Tenneson is "received" at the Hongkong border this morning. Flanking the American soldier is Mr. Richard Tomlin of the American Red Cross, and Mr. A. L. Gordon, Senior Supt. Hongkong Police. — Staff Photographer.

## UN Calls For Implementation Of Disarmament Measures

New York, Dec. 12

The United Nations today called on all states concerned to agree on the early implementation of all "measures of adequately safeguarded disarmament now feasible."

The General Assembly's political committee adopted a western resolution which would give priority as an initial step to comprehensive disarmament, to President Eisenhower's "open sky" proposals and Soviet Marshal Bulganin's scheme for setting up control posts at strategic centres.

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